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CENSUS

Outline Descendant Report for John Doll

..... 1 John Doll b: Abt. 1774 in Lancaster County, PA (or possible Switzerland), d: Stark County, Ohio
..... + Elizabeth Catherine Kitts b: Abt. 1778 in Lancaster County, PA
.... 2 Jacob Doll
.... 2 John Doll Jr. b: 05 Oct 1797 in York Cty, Pennsylvania or (Switzerland per Morton Doll prob incorrect), d: 22 Dec 1867 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio
.... + Elizabeth Risher b: Abt. 1800 in Maryland, m: 19 Aug 1819 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 20 Aug 1871 in Stark County, Ohio, of paralysis
.... 3 John R. Doll b: Dec 1825 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: 07 May 1858
.... 3 Benjamin Doll b: 27 Jul 1827 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 05 Dec 1903 in Stark County, Ohio
.... + Catherine-Susan Fisher b: Apr 1836, m: 18 Sep 1856 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 14 May 1886 in Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio
.... 4 Josiah Doll b: Abt. 1858
.... 4 Flora Doll
.... + Unknown spouse m: 24 Feb 1870 in Stark County, Ohio
.... 4 Dennison Doll b: Abt. 1865
.... 4 Logan Doll b: 1864, d: 1935 in Vol. #1, Stark County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions
.... 4 Melville Doll b: Abt. 1870
.... 4 Cora Doll b: Abt. 1872
.... 4 Albert Doll b: Abt. 1874
.... 4 Kent Doll b: Abt. 1877
.... + Mary Ann Jefferson m: Abt. 1888 in Stark County, Ohio
.... 3 Josiah Doll b: 1829, d: California, where they had gone in search of gold
.... 3 Isaac Doll b: Dec 1832 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio (possible June 17, 1832), d: 29 Feb 1908 in Perry Township, Stark Co., Ohio
.... + Elizabeth Niesz b: 1838 in Ohio, m: 25 Dec 1862 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 20 Aug 1883 in Perry Township, Stark Co., Ohio
.... 4 Harvey Doll b: Abt. 1864
.... 4 Allen Doll b: Abt. 1865
.... + Unknown Wife m: Oct 1884 in Stark Co, Ohio
.... 4 Marry E. Doll b: Abt. 1868
.... 4 Perry Doll b: Abt. 1870
.... 4 Cora Doll b: Abt. 1871
.... 3 Frank Doll b: 1835, d: Alma, Arizona...........shot and killed
.... 3 Joseph Doll b: 1838, d: California, where he had gone to search for gold
.... 3 George Doll b: 1840, d: Galveston, Texas
.... 4 Frank Doll d: Galveston, Texas
.... 3 Eli Doll b: 04 May 1842 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio (or 1843), d: 04 Feb 1918 in Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio
.... + Sarah Walcutt b: 1849 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio, m: 18 Dec 1866 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 10 Apr 1899 in Perry Township, Stark Co., Ohio
.... 4 Emma Doll b: Abt. 1868
.... + William Krisher b: of Massillon, Ohio
.... 4 Rutherford H. Doll b: Abt. 1870 in of Perry Township, Stark Co., Ohio
.... 4 Frank L. Doll b: Abt. 1873
.... + Emma Klein
.... 4 Ida Doll b: Abt. 1871
.... + Eli Levinger b: of Massillon, Ohio
.... 4 Carrie Doll b: Abt. 1875
.... + William Lantzer
.... 4 Hattie Doll b: A twin of Cynthia
.... + James Grant

.... 4 Cynthia Doll b: A twin of Hattie

.... + Joseph Holtz

.... 2 Daniel Doll b: Apr 1800, d: 1863 in Anderson, Madison Co., IN

.... + Lydia Baer b: 08 Sep 1798 in WV line south of Stark Co.), m: 07 Oct 1819 in Stark Co., Ohio (per LDS IGI), d: 1854 in Queensville, Indiana and buried there (LDS Ancestral File AFN:4BDF-PG)

.... 3 David Doll b: 20 Jul 1820 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: Jul 1879 in Columbus, Bartholomew, Indiana

.... 3 Hann Doll b: 1830 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio

.... 3 Ephriam Doll b: 1834 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 3 John Doll b: 1836 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 3 Shahann Doll b: 1834 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 3 Elizabeth Doll b: 1838 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 3 Jacob Doll b: 1840 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 3 Isaac Doll b: 1843 in WV line south of Stark Co.)

.... 2 Joseph H. Doll b: Jan 1802 in Lancaster County, PA, d: 09 Dec 1891 in Onsaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio

.... + Mary Kitt b: 07 Sep 1806 in Onsaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: 1898 in Onsaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio

.... 3 Ignatius Doll b: Abt. 1826 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 31 May 1899 in Canton, Ohio, Starke County

.... + Catherine Rudy b: 1829 in Pennsylvania (DeKalb History of 1920 of John Doll), m: 01 Jan 1857 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 1928 in Canton, Ohio, Starke County

.... 4 Martha Doll b: 20 Oct 1858, d: 10 Oct 1860

.... 4 George W. Doll b: 1860 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 1931 in Stark County, Ohio

.... + Minnie C. Winold b: 1860, m: Sep 1884 in Stark Co, Ohio, d: 1951

.... 5 Howard G. Doll b: 15 Nov 1889 in Stark County, Ohio, Massillon, d: 25 Nov 1972 in Stark County, Ohio, Massillon Community Hospital

.... + Josephine M b: 23 Sep 1893, d: 18 Jun 1970 in Stark County, Ohio, Massillon

.... 5 Grace Doll

.... 4 Charles W. Doll b: 1862, d: 1927 in Canton, Ohio, Starke County

.... 4 John Rudy Doll b: 18 Jun 1864 in East Greenville, Stark County, Ohio, d: 16 Jun 1946 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana

.... + Vienna Shilling b: 12 Dec 1866 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, m: 24 Dec 1895 in DeKalb County, Indiana, d: 13 Jul 1958 in Allen County, Indiana

.... 5 Esther Kathryn Doll b: 28 Apr 1900 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, d: 29 Apr 1999 in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana, 11:55 p.m.

.... + Otis Bernon Fitch b: 20 Dec 1904 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana, m: 30 Dec 1926 in DeKalb County, Indiana Obit. says Harlan, which would be Allen Co., d: 01 Jul 1976 in Garrett, Indiana

.... 5 George Robert Doll b: 10 Aug 1901 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, d: 18 Mar 1981 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana

.... + Frances E. Hursh b: 03 Aug 1904 in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana, m: 21 Jun 1924 in Spencerville, Indiana, d: 28 Dec 2000 in Riverside, CA, which is the home of dau. Ruthann Maxwell

.... 5 Alice Josephine Doll b: 27 Dec 1903 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, d: 23 Mar 1993 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

.... + Paul R. Clark b: 23 Sep 1905 in Auburn, Indiana, d: 17 Oct 1983 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

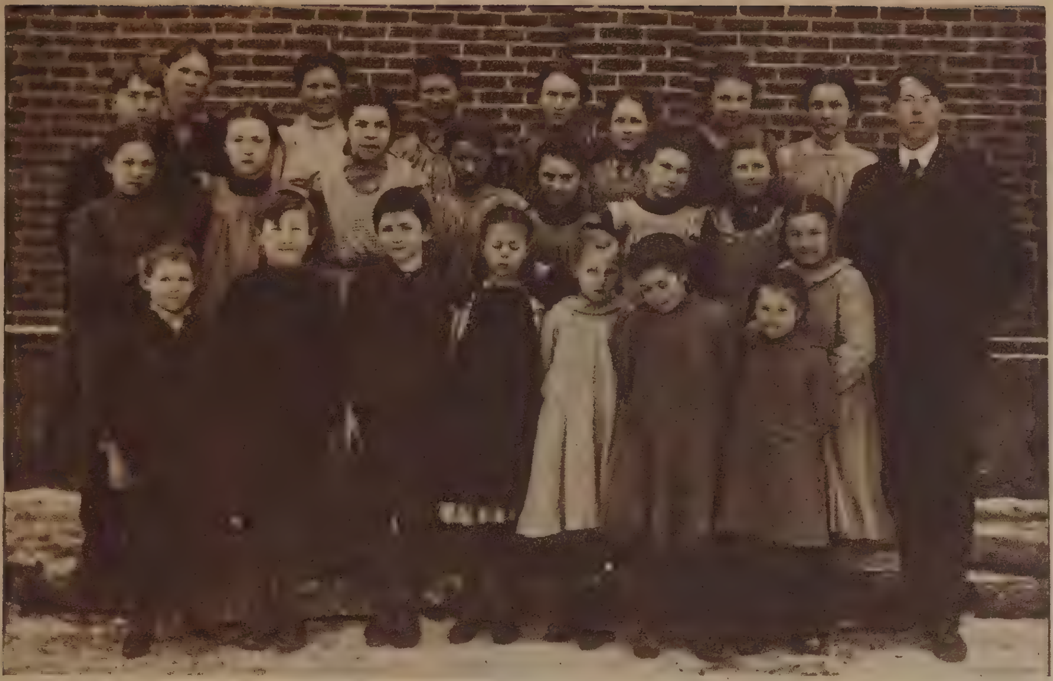
.... 5 John Doll Jr.

.... 4 Jennie May Doll b: 1867 in Ohio, d: 1953

.... + Charlie H. Hammer b: 1867 in Indiana, m: 29 Jun 1894 in Stark County, Ohio, d: 1947

.... 5 Ruth Christina Hammer b: 1895, d: 1986
.... 5 Mary Katherine Hammer b: 1897
.... + Thomas T. Kavanagh m: 25 Nov 1921
.... 3 Sylvanus Doll b: Abt. 1827, d: 12 May 1872 in Stark County, Ohio
.... + Louise High m: 21 Feb 1850 in Madina, Ohio
.... 3 Isabelle Doll b: 1836
.... + Elias Eyster m: 19 Apr 1855 in Stark, Co., Ohio (per LDS IGI)
.... 3 Mathilda Doll b: 1830
.... 2 Henry Doll b: Bet. 1802–1806 in Pennsylvania from 1880 census, d: 08 Sep 1881 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio
.... + Catherine b: 1802 in Pennsylvania (per death records), d: 09 Dec 1884 in near Mapleton, Osnaburg Twp., Stark Co., Ohio
.... 3 Elizabeth Doll b: Bet. 1838–1841 in Ohio from 1880 census
.... + Unknown Nunemaker
.... 4 Silva Nunemaker b: Abt. 1867 in Ohio
.... 5 Era C. Nunemaker b: 04 Dec 1893, d: 31 May 1972
.... + Unknown Sells
.... + Frank Bassett
.... 3 Noah Doll b: Abt. 1845
.... 2 George Doll b: 03 Jan 1816, d: 07 Apr 1883 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio
.... + Susan Meiser b: 11 Dec 1823 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, m: 1843 in Osnaburg Twp., Stark County, Ohio, d: 26 Nov 1893 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio
.... 3 Hiram Doll b: 30 Dec 1843 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: 20 Jun 1912 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio or in Canton, Ohio
.... + Lydia Neuman b: 1840 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, m: 21 May 1865 in Osnaburg Twp., Stark County, Ohio, d: 1909
.... 4 Charles H. Doll b: 1867 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio
.... 4 Nettie M. Doll b: 1869 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio
.... + John S. Fry m: 17 Jun 1895 in Canton, Stark County, Ohio
.... 4 James B. Doll b: 21 Jun 1870 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: 20 Nov 1871 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio
.... 4 Maggie E. Doll b: 19 Aug 1874 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio, d: Mar 1882
.... 4 John R. Doll d: 1872
.... + Mary E. Friend b: 05 Feb 1868 in Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio, m: 26 Oct 1911 in Canton, Stark County, Ohio
.... 3 Zacharia Doll b: Jul 1848 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio
.... + Maranda Newman b: Aug 1852 in (or Numan), m: 21 Sep 1873 in Osnaburg, Stark Co., Ohio (per LDS IGI)
.... 4 Susan K. Doll b: 19 Jan 1874, d: 1882
.... 4 Kitty Doll b: Abt. 1874
.... 4 Nellie G. Doll b: 08 May 1876
.... 4 Susan C. Doll b: 19 Jan 1880
.... 3 Samuel Doll b: 07 Feb 1846
.... 3 John Doll b: 1849
.... 3 Franklin Doll b: 10 Aug 1851 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, d: 07 Jun 1940 in Gypsum, Colorado
.... + Lucy Ellen Slusser b: 22 Oct 1859 in Osnaburg, Stark County, Ohio, m: 05 Jan 1882 in Louisville, Ohio........or Stark Co., Ohio, d: 22 Jun 1939 in Gypsum, Colorado
.... 4 Samuel Doll b: 1882
.... 4 Susan Doll b: 1886

.... 4 Lydia Gretchen Doll b: 24 Jul 1891
.... 4 Dorothy Doll b: 14 Apr 1898
.... 4 Hiram Frank Doll b: 19 Jun 1895 in Gypsum, Colorado, d: 04 Nov 1947 in Black Lakes, Vail Pass, Colorado
.... + Helen May Herres b: 06 Feb 1897 in Denver, Colorado, m: 29 Jun 1920 in St. Barnabas Church, Denver, Colorado, d: 25 Jan 1980 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado
.... 5 Frank Austin Doll b: 06 Apr 1921
.... 5 Morton Doll b: 03 Apr 1923 in Denver, Colorado
.... + Starr Lillian Conway b: 20 Sep 1925 in Gypsum, Colorado, m: 06 Jan 1946 in Eagle Methodist Church, Eagle, Colorado
.... 3 Mary Doll



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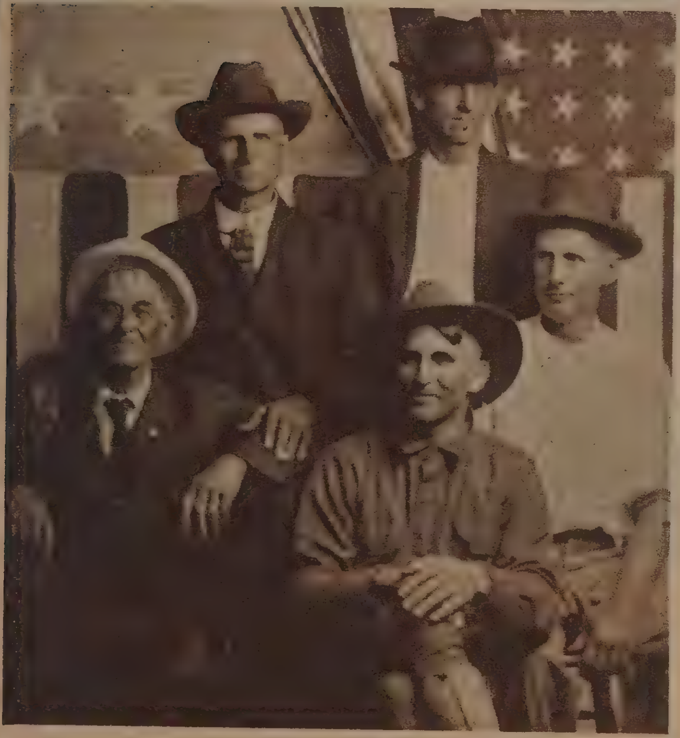
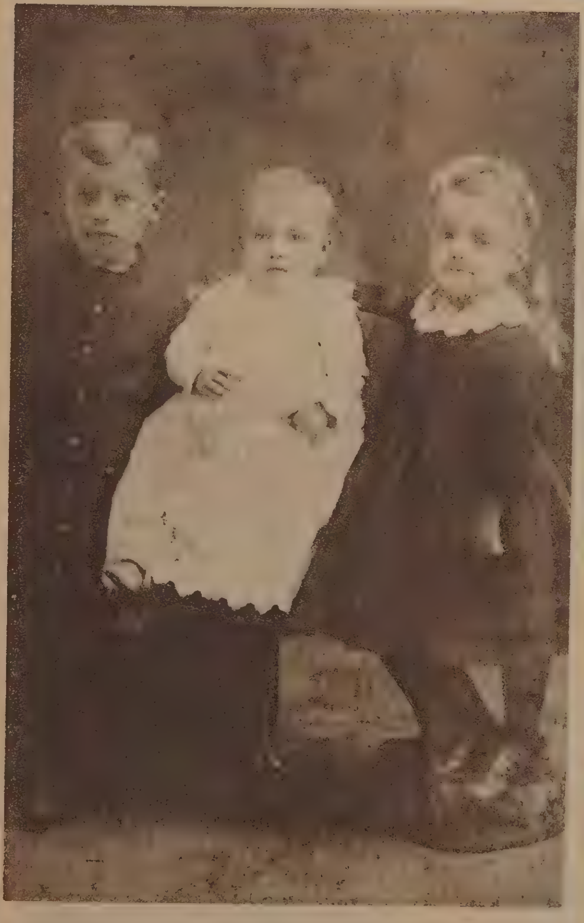


Shown in this photo, taken in Robison Park, were John Henderson. Russell Gratz and Lester Houk, seated and James Boots and William Moore standing. The photo was loaned by Grace M. Houk, R.R. 1, Box 271, Spencerville.

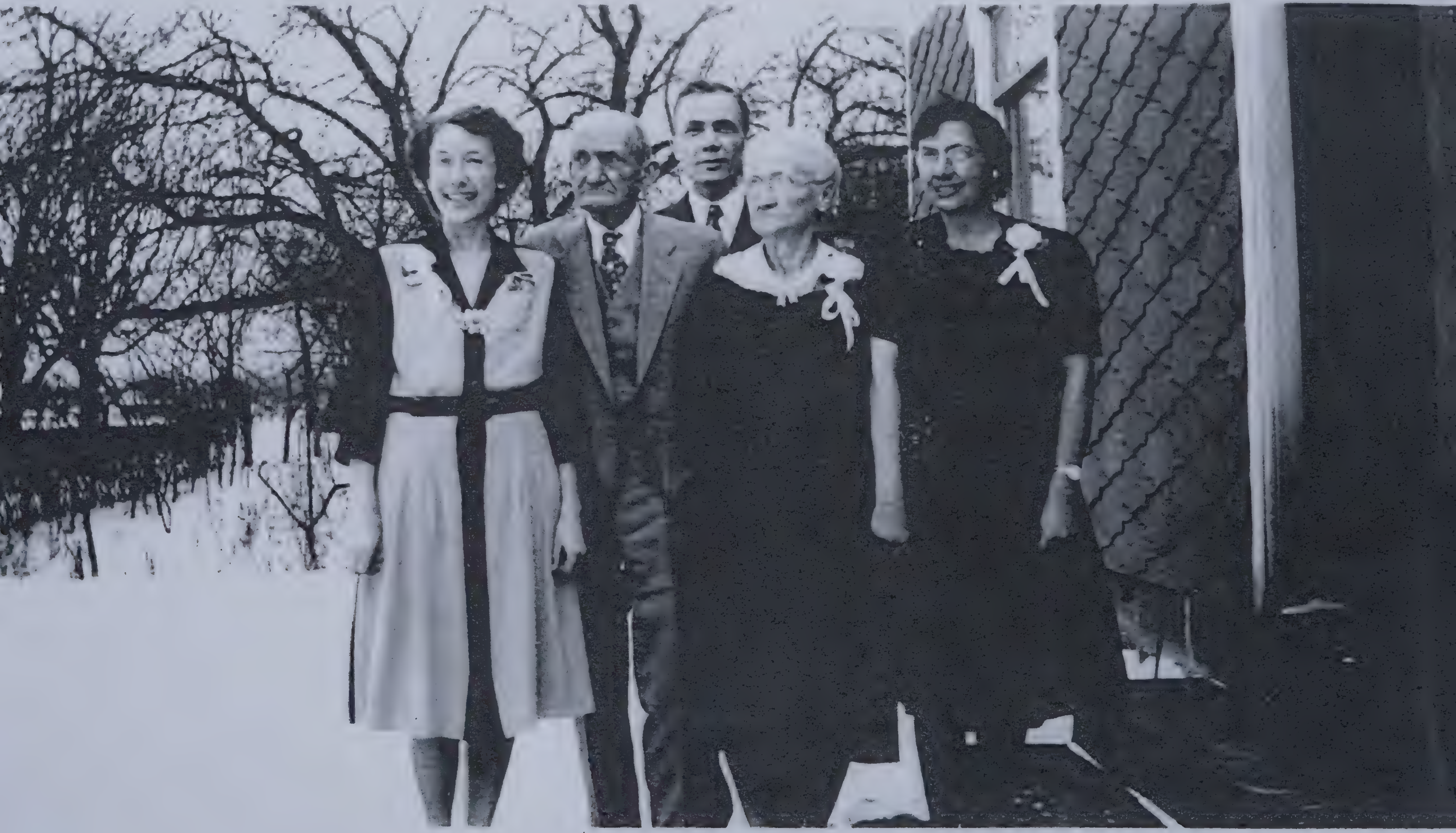


Grace M. Houk, Box 271, Spencerville, Route One, supplies this old picture of her, right, and her brothers, Ray, left and Lester Marion, both deceased.

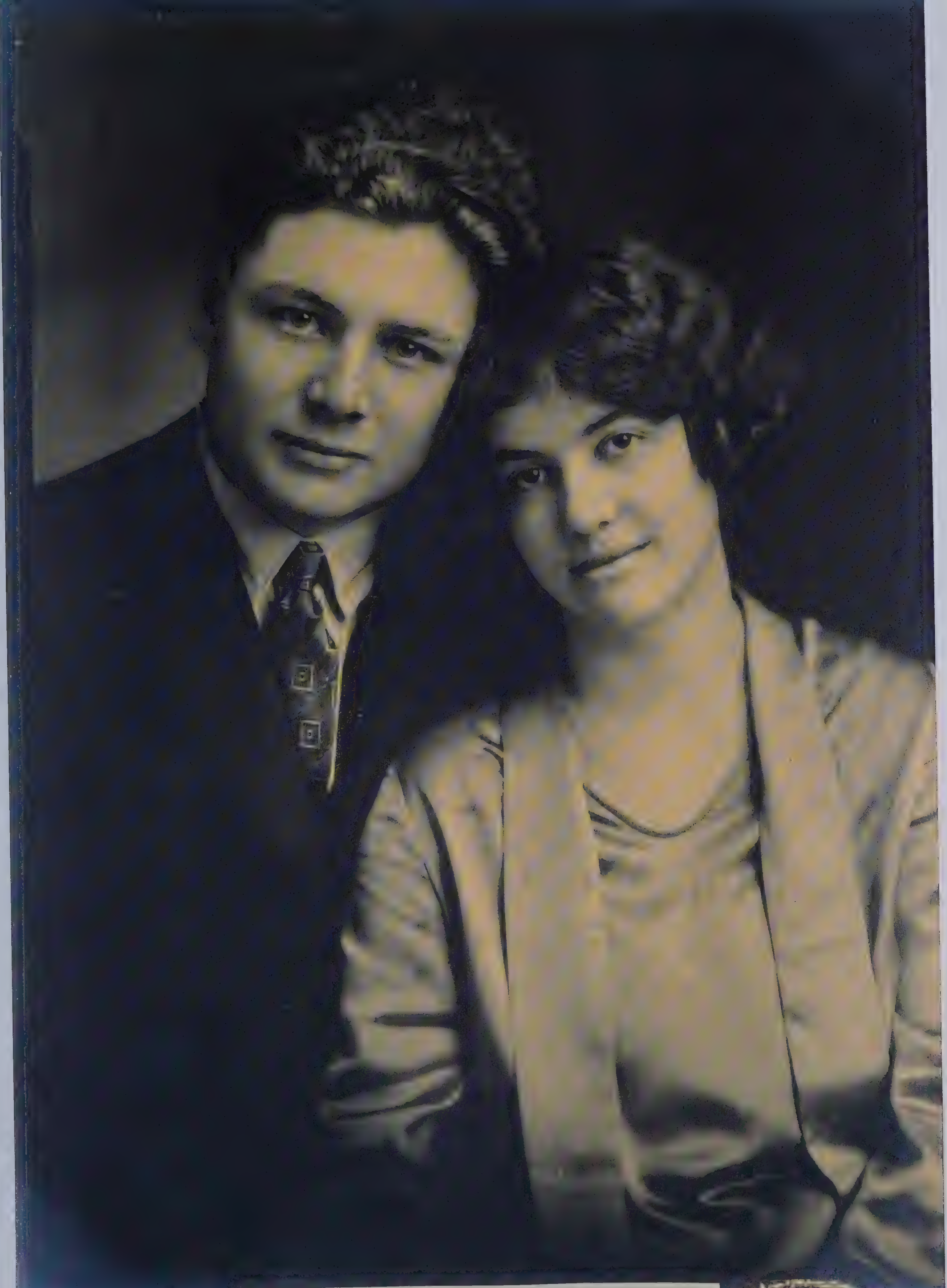
Grace M. Houk, Box 271, Spencerville, posed at right with Wilbur (Pete) Walter, the hired man and her brother, Lester. She was holding her driving and riding horse, Fred. The dog, Shep, was at her feet.

The Houks were relatives of the Shillings

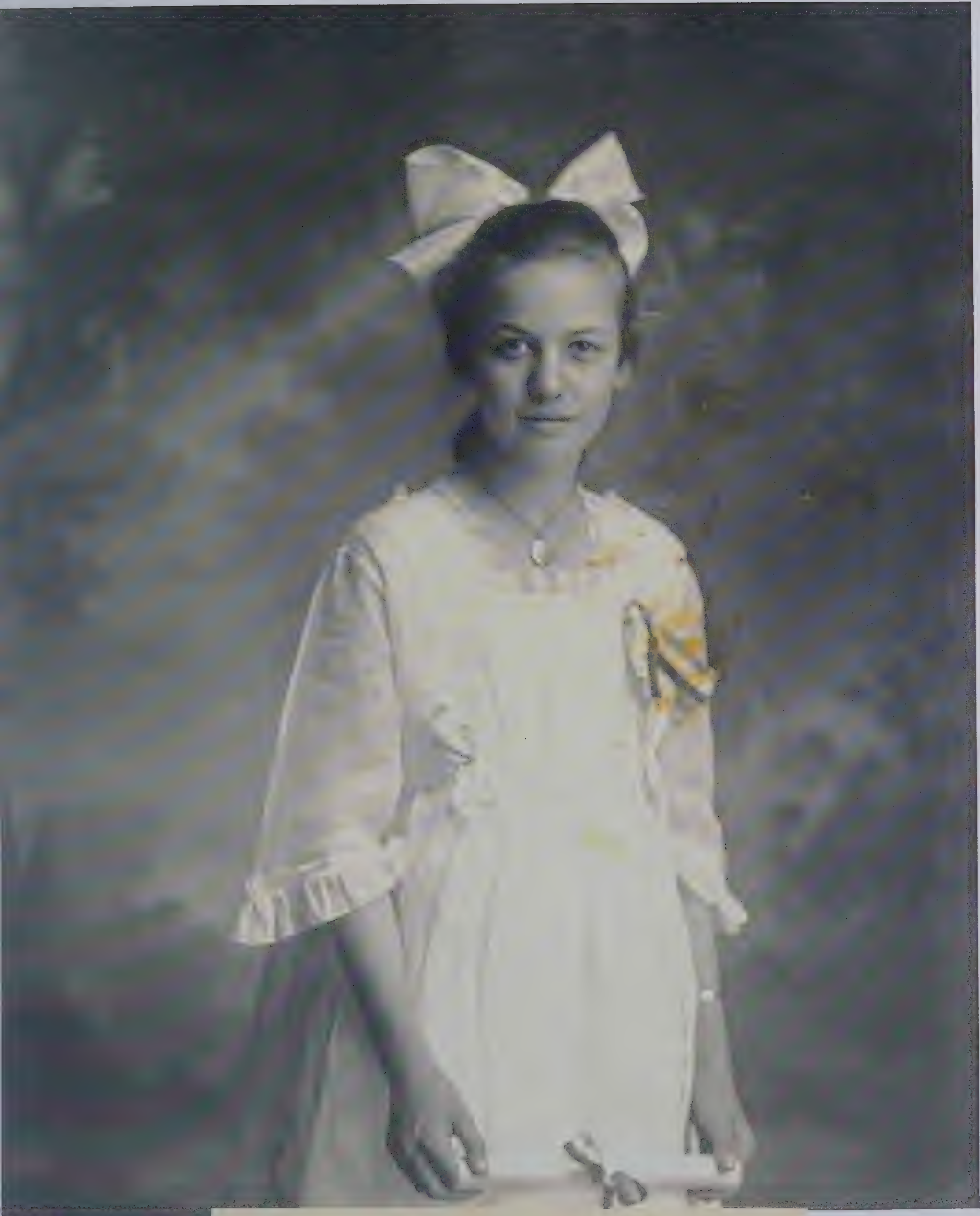
These were Esther's clippings



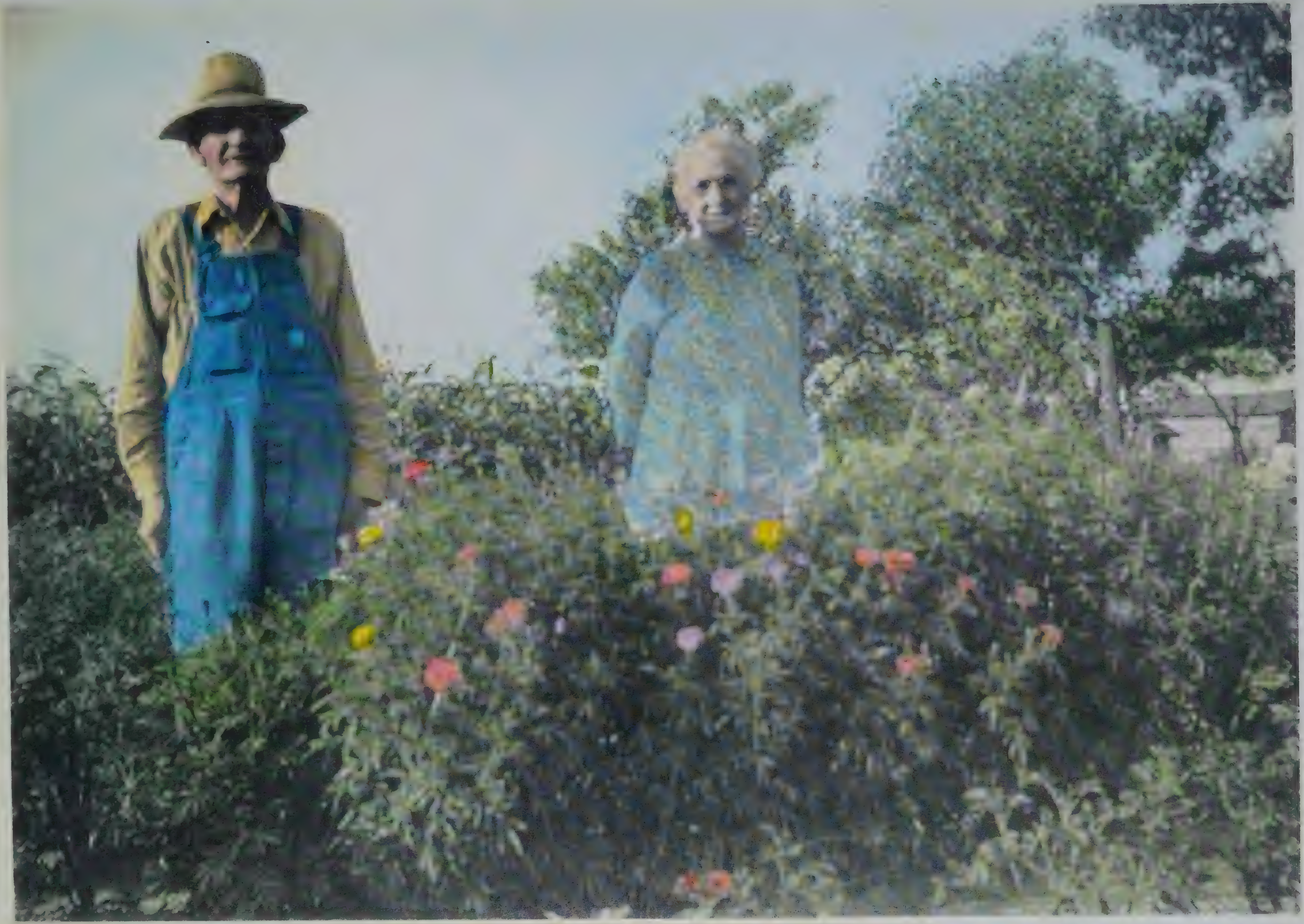
Josephine, father John,
George, mother Vienna,
Esther - Doll family



PAUL CLARK and JOSEPHINE DOLL

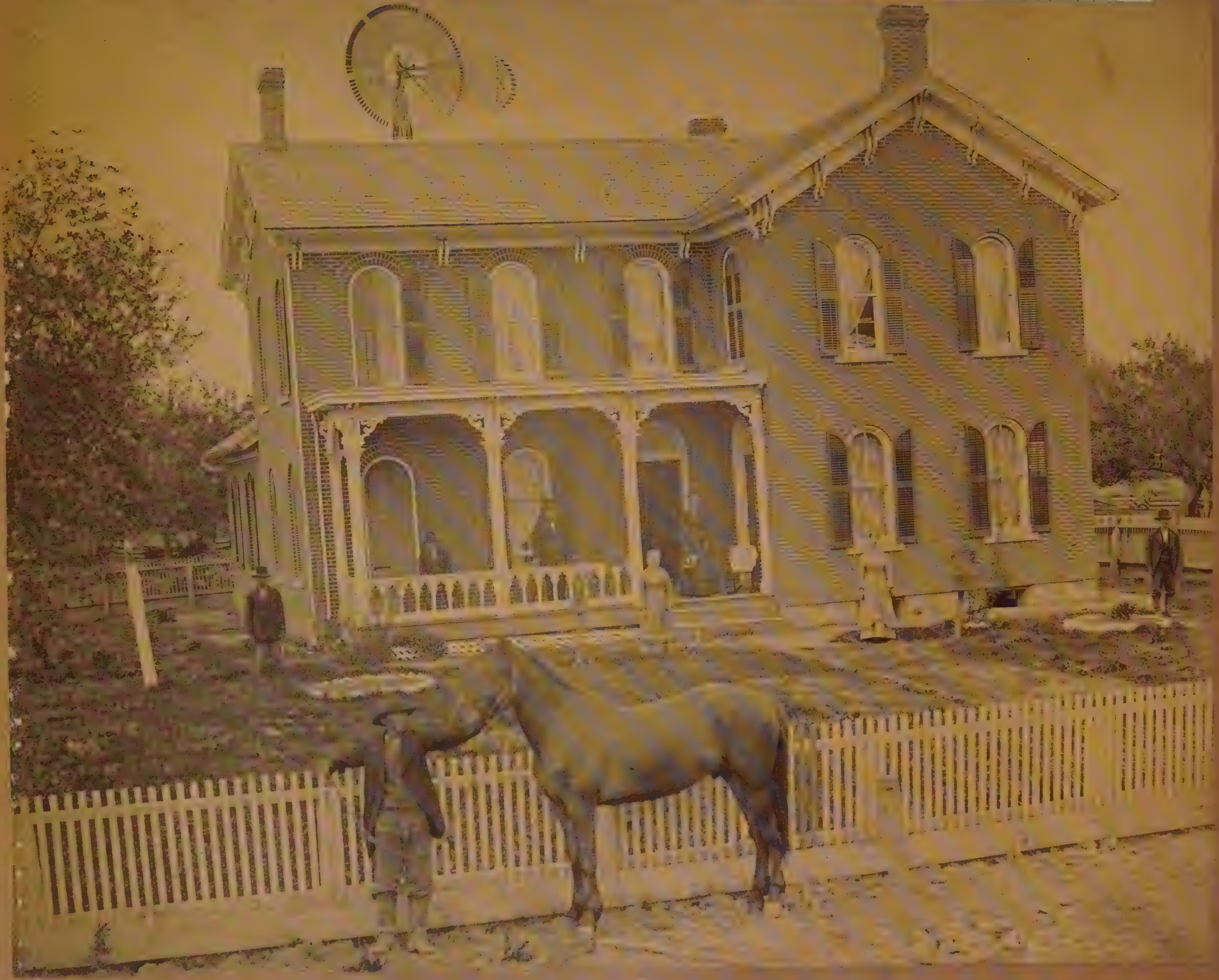


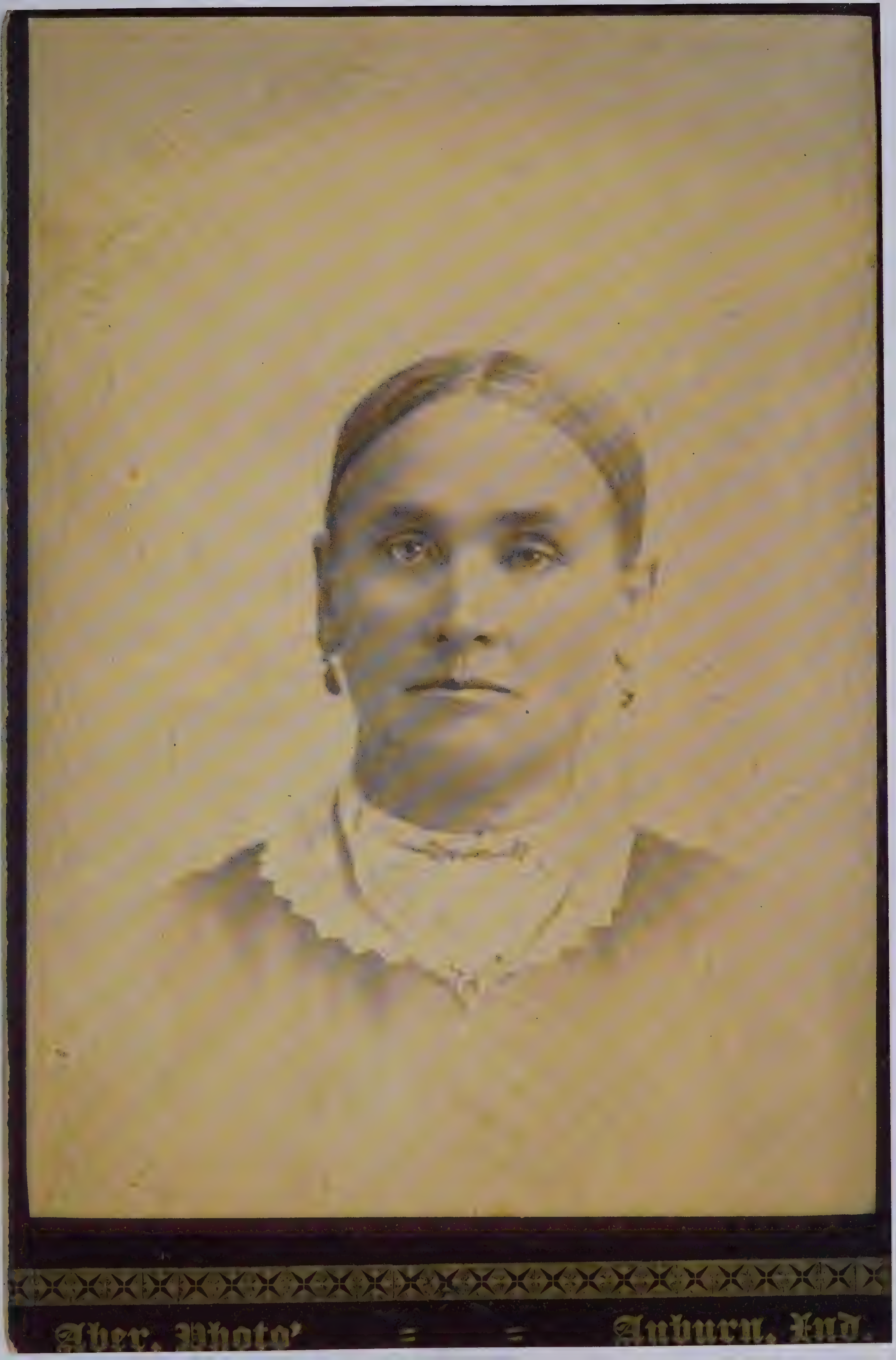
ALICE JOSEPHINE DOLL 8th grade graduation



JOHN DOLL AND VIENNA SHILLING DOLL on the farm

THE SOLOMON SHILLING HOME

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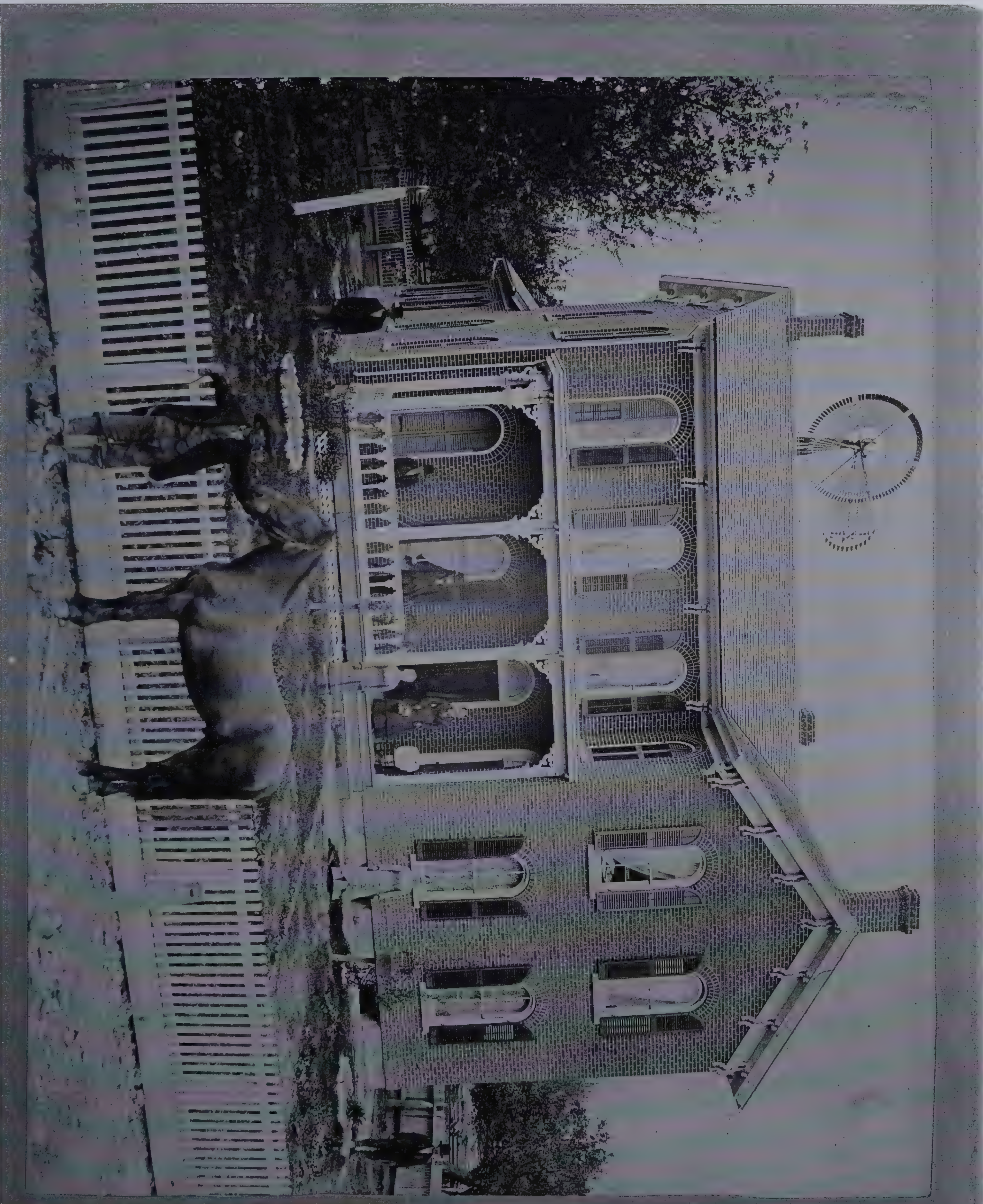
ESTHER BLYLER SHILLING



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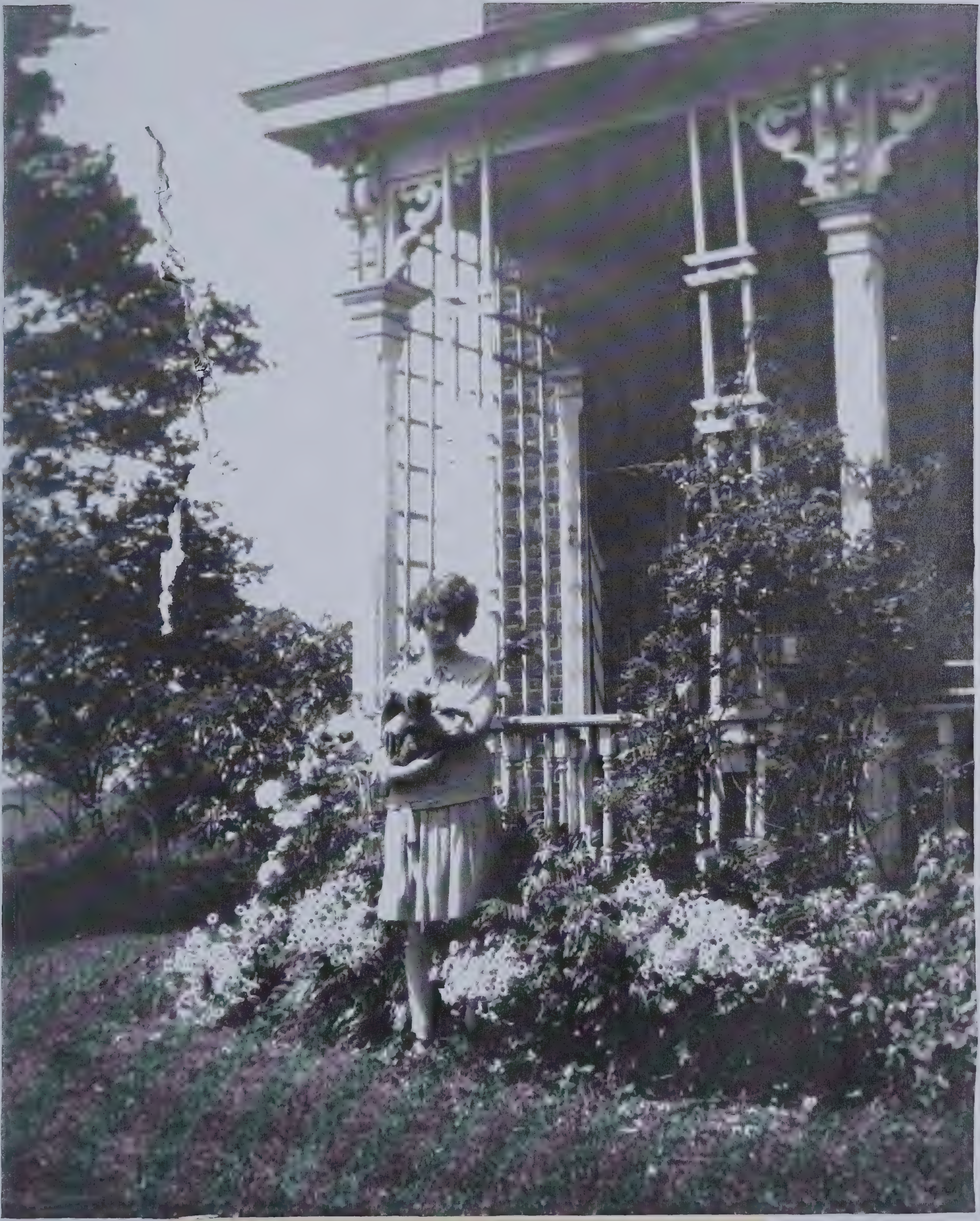
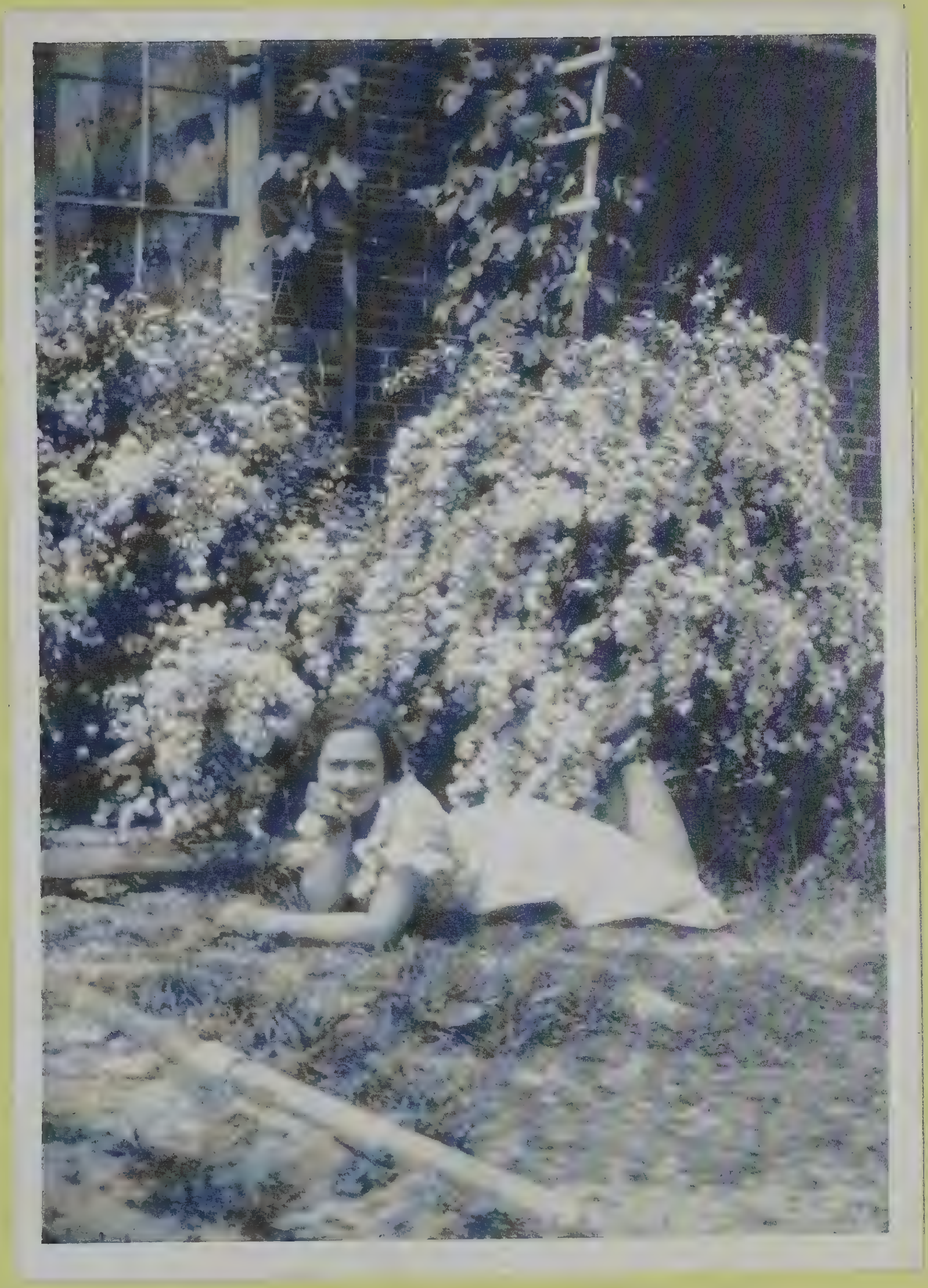
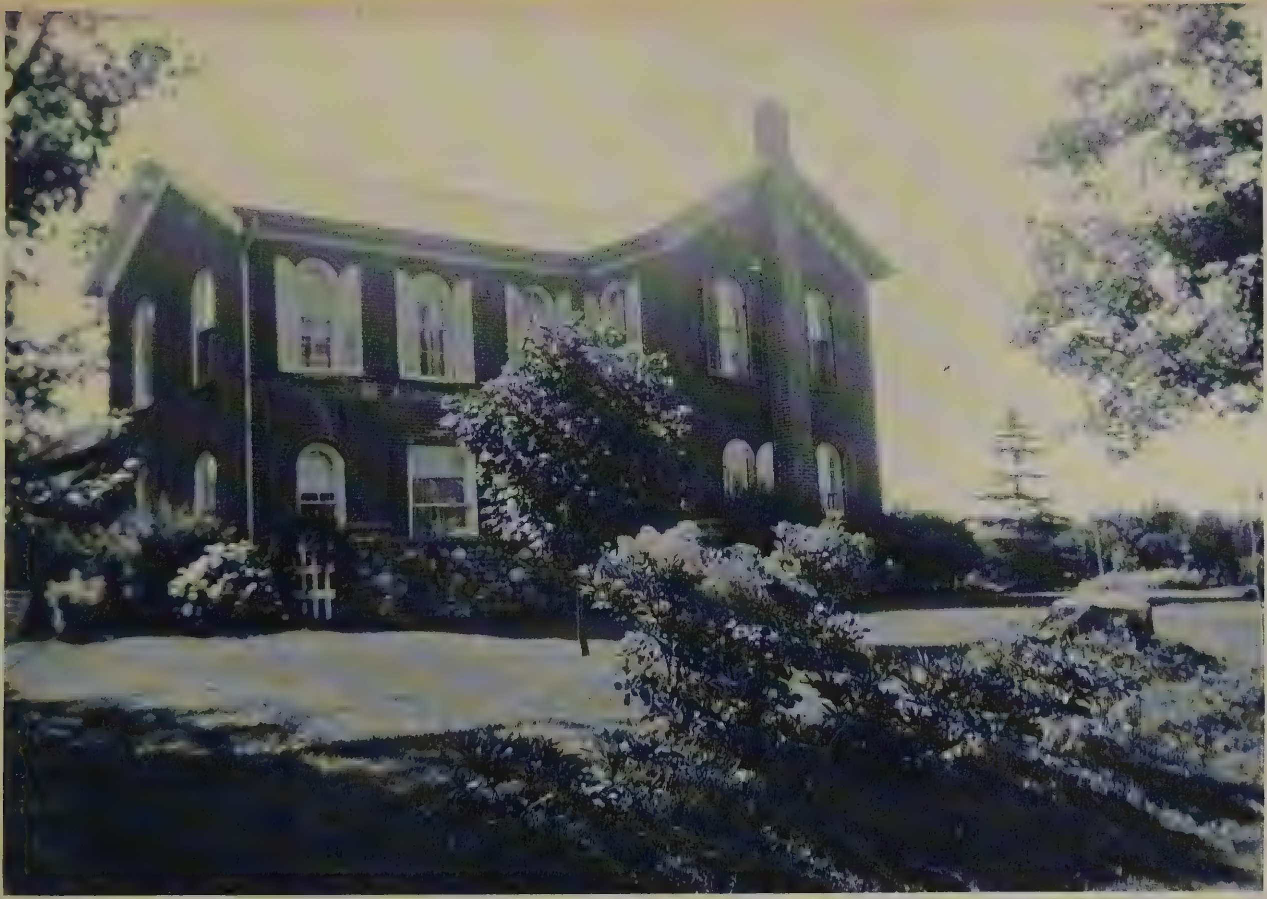
THE SHILLING HOME TAKEN FROM THE AIR



EUNICE SHILLING taken at the Shilling Home

EUNICE SHILLING, daughter of John and Lovina Shilling

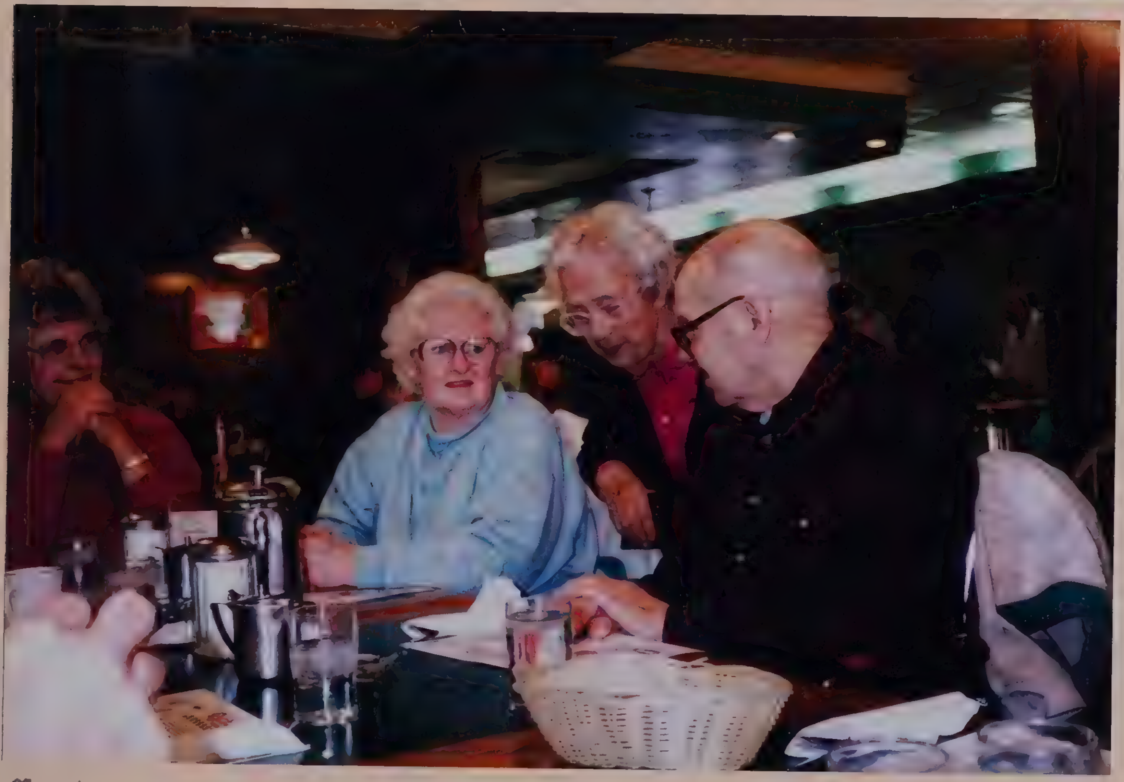




THE SHILLING HOME, Concord Township, DeKalb County, IN

THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN SHILLING AND LOVINA MUNGER
taken at the Shilling home

EUNICE SHILLING ZEHR ..... Eunice did the tinting herself



Maxine

Margaret
Smith

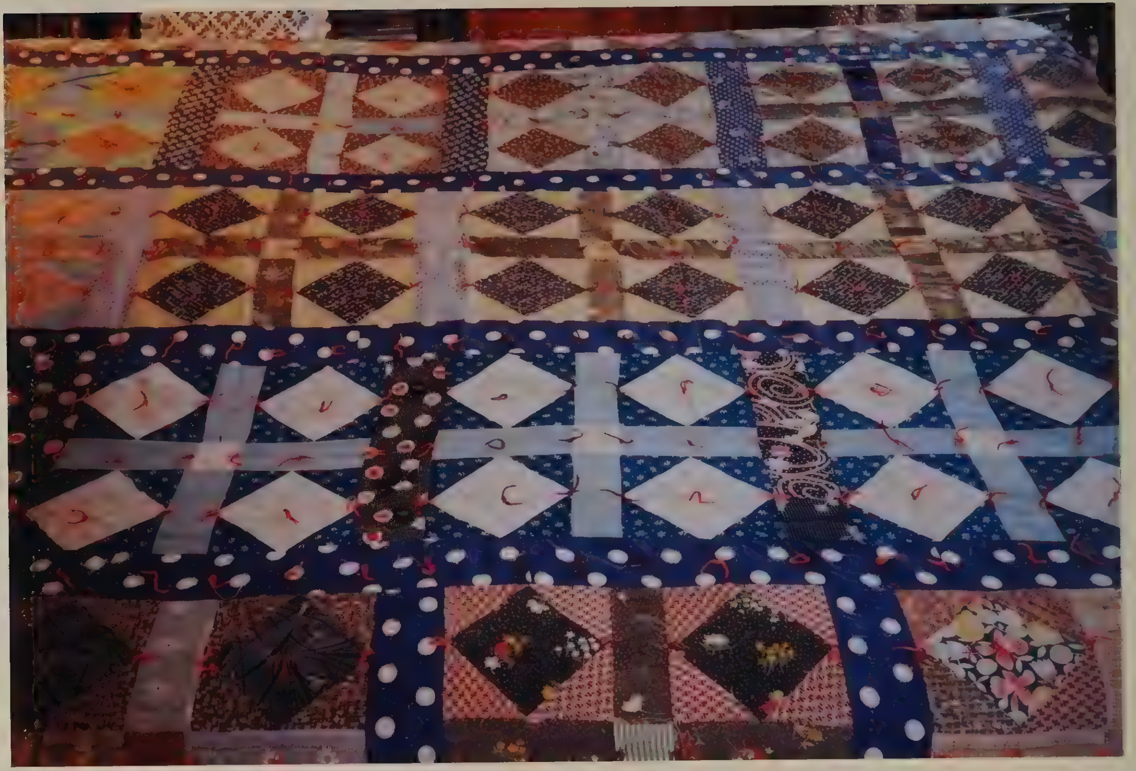
Eunice
Zehr

Don
Smith

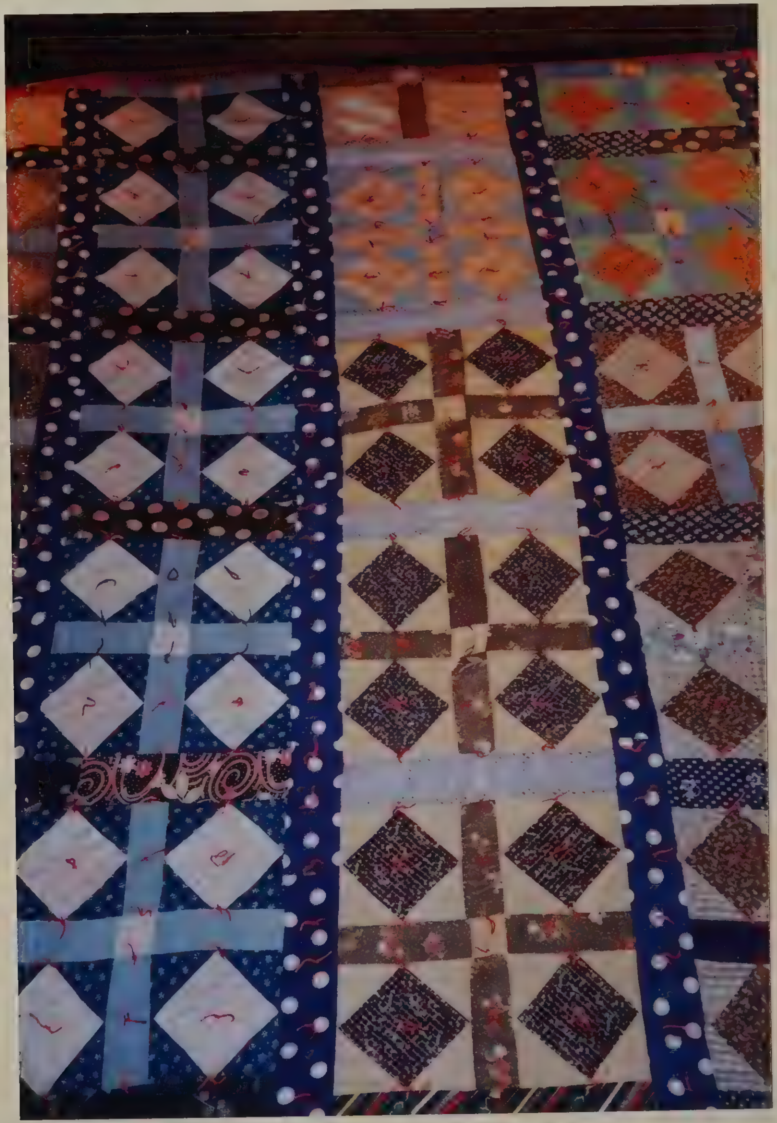
Eunice Zehr and Mrs. Surface (Rosella's mother)
April 28, 1996

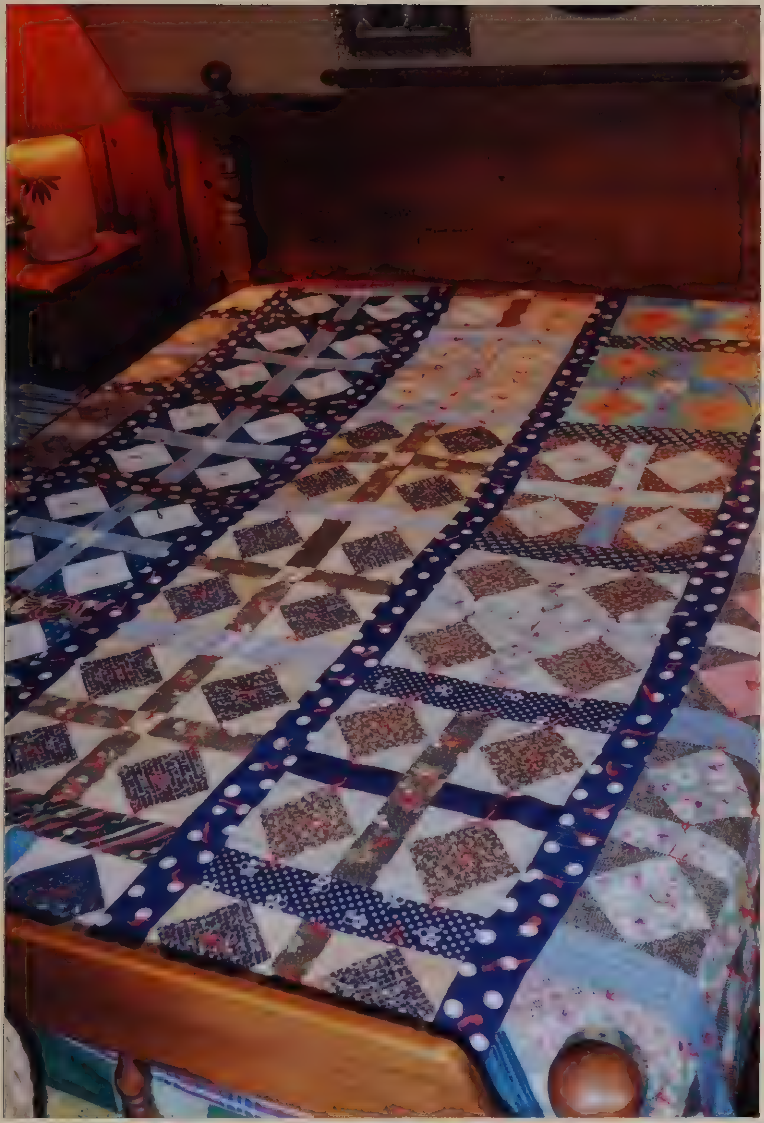
At "Richard's" in Auburn

Some of Esther's Things
for Maxine



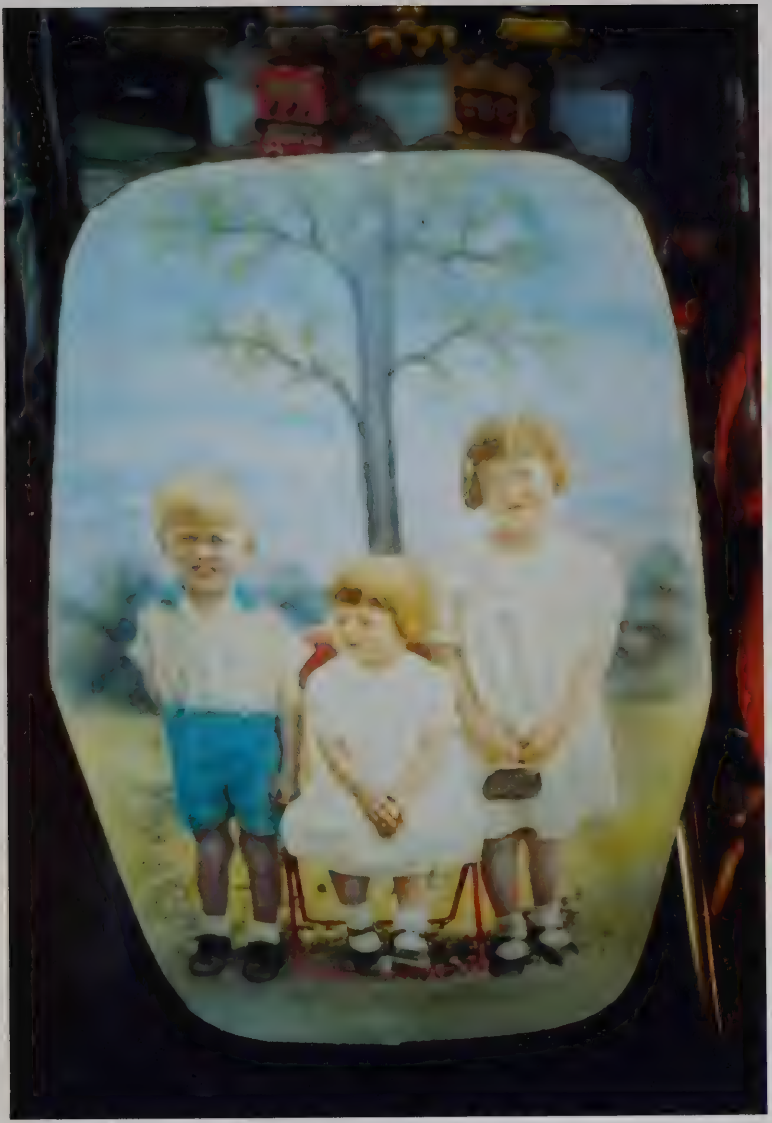
Not sure if this was Esther's or a garage sale buy





Esther's Glassware for Maxine

Esther's Things

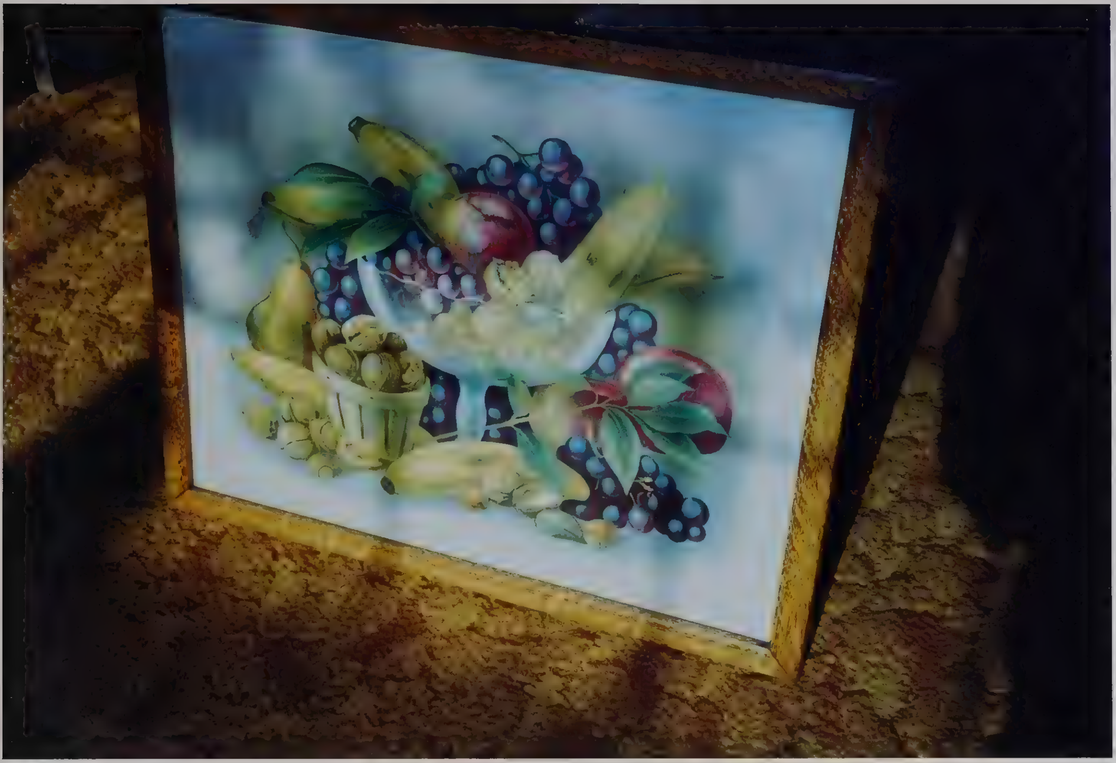

Warren, Maxine, and Elsie

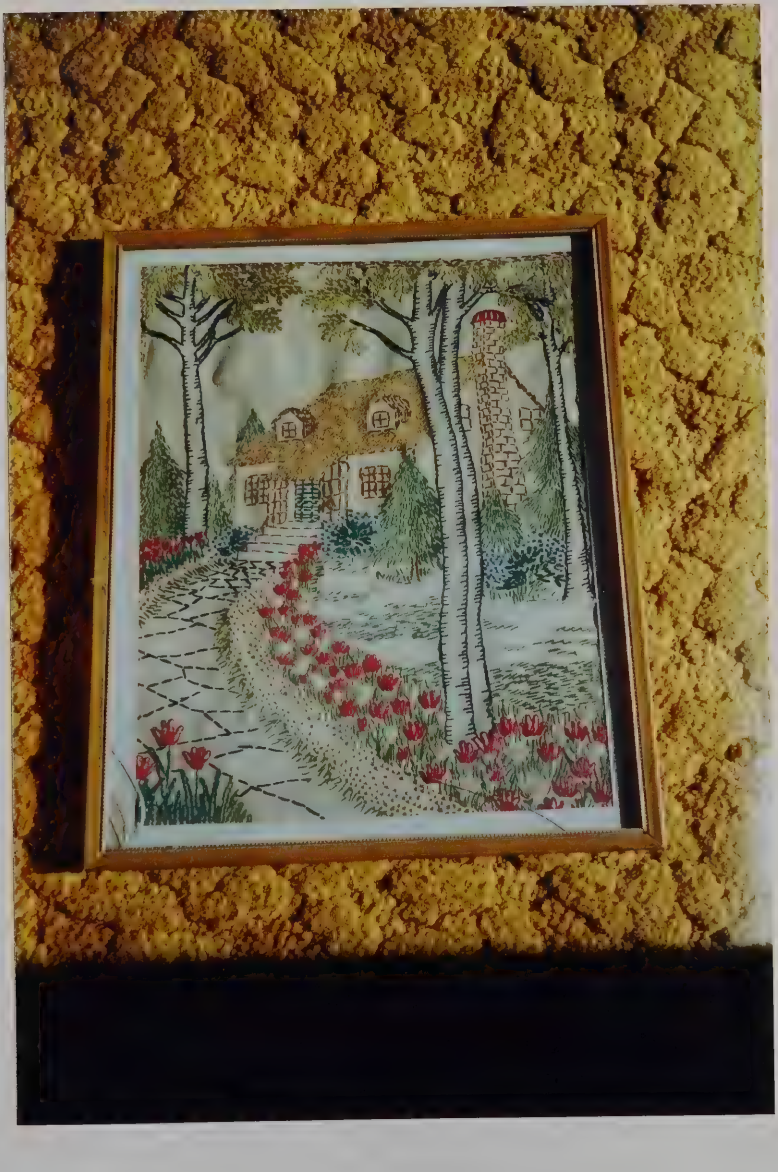
Esther's Glassware

Doll

Old Bowl

Picture that hung in the kitchen
at the farm





Embroidery
done by Esther

Funeral Flowers from Cathy and Rick

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The White City Cemetery near Spencerville, IN where the Dolls and the Shillings are buried. It is south of Spencerville.

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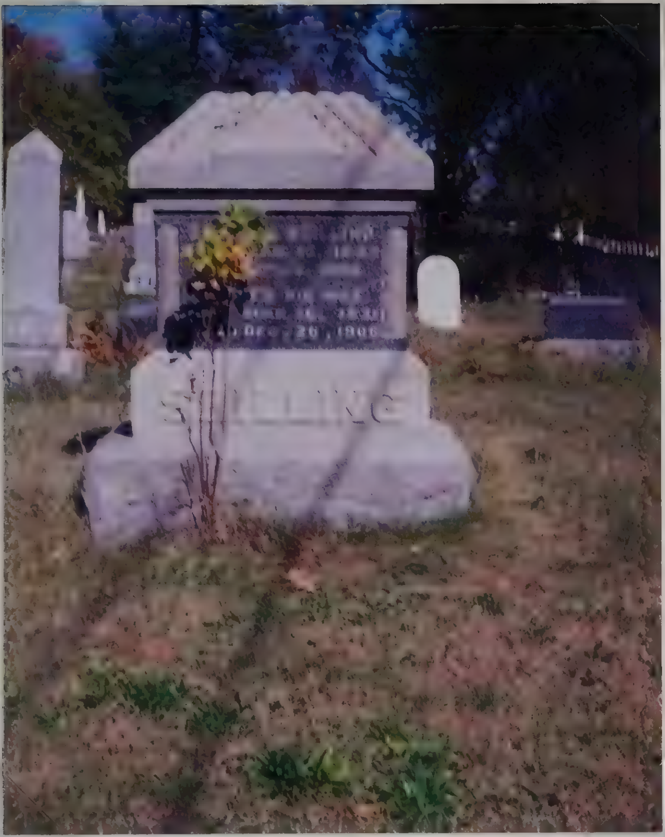

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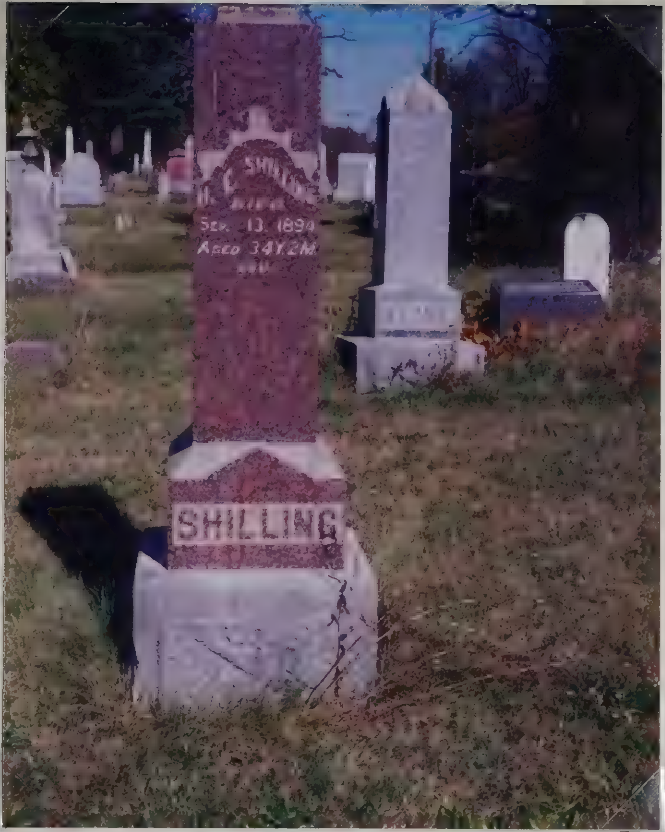
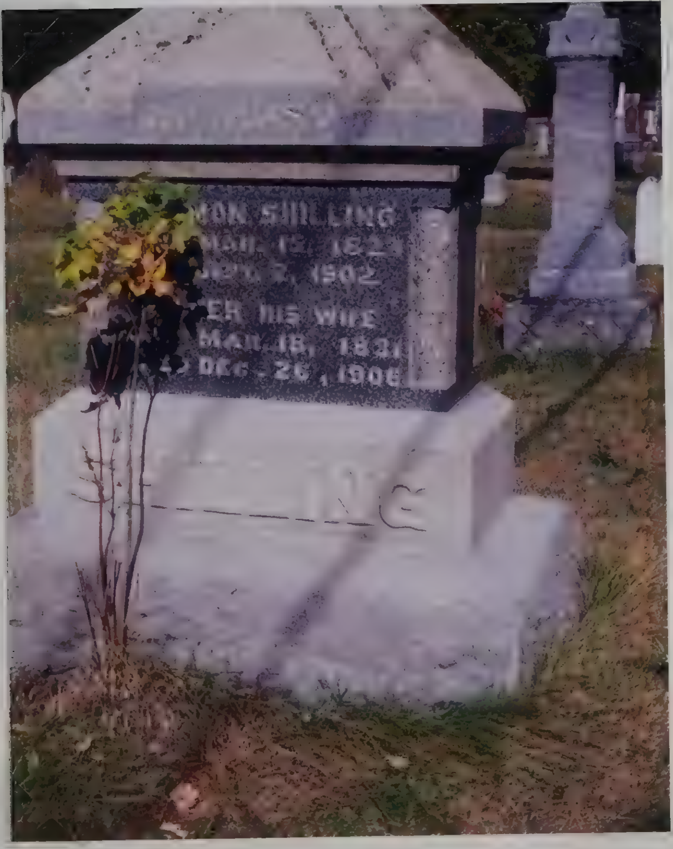

H. E. SHILLING
DIED
SEP. 13, 1894
AGED 34Y 2M
SHILLING

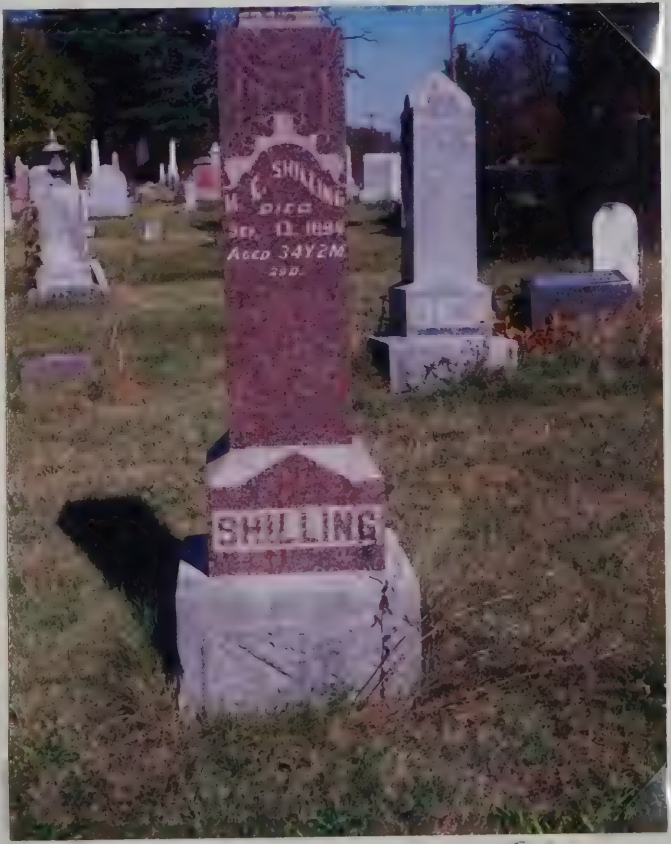
Hiram E, son of Solomon
Suicide Victum

Cemetary South of Spencerville on Highway I


MON SHILLING
MAR. 15, 1823
SEPT. 2, 1902
ER HIS WIFE
MAR. 18, 1831
DEC. 26, 1906
ING

Solomon Shilling ——— 79 yrs
March 15, 1823 - Sept 2, 1902

Esther, his wife
March 18, 1831 - Dec. 26, 1906 - 75 yrs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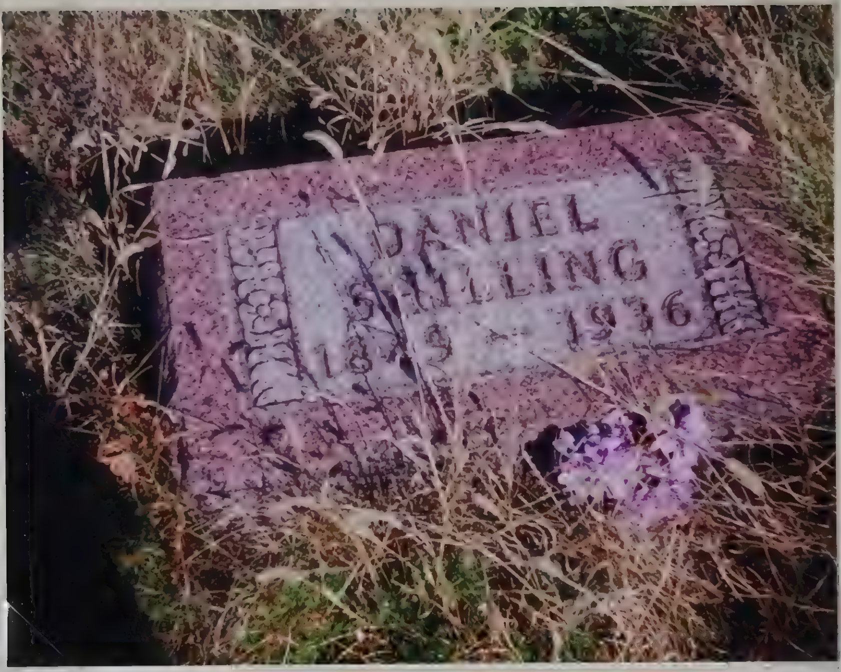
SHILLING

Hiram E. Shilling, son of Solomon
Born June 1860 - Sept 13, 1894
34 years 2 mo. 29 days
Suicide


DANIEL
SHILLING
1849 1936

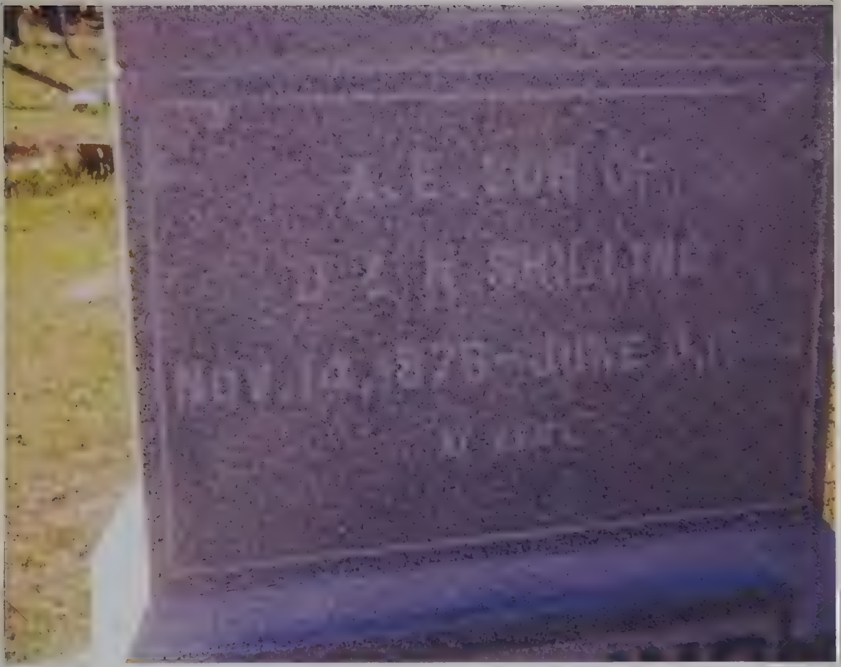
Daniel's wife died in 1880

Daniel, Solomon & Esther's first child
1849 - 1936 87 years

JOSEPH K
MARY

Mary E. Shilling Kester 6-22-1854
died July 14, 1902 — 48 yrs

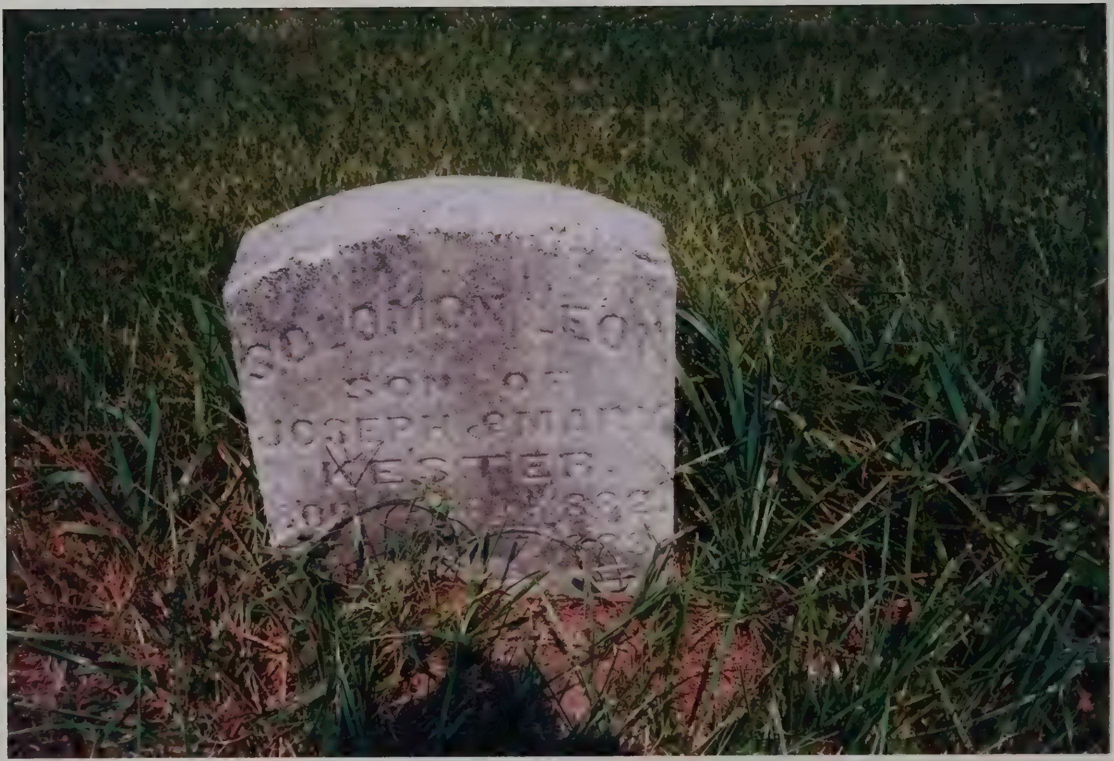
daughter of Solomon & Esther
married
Joseph Kester 5-27-1855
died Jan 30, 1919



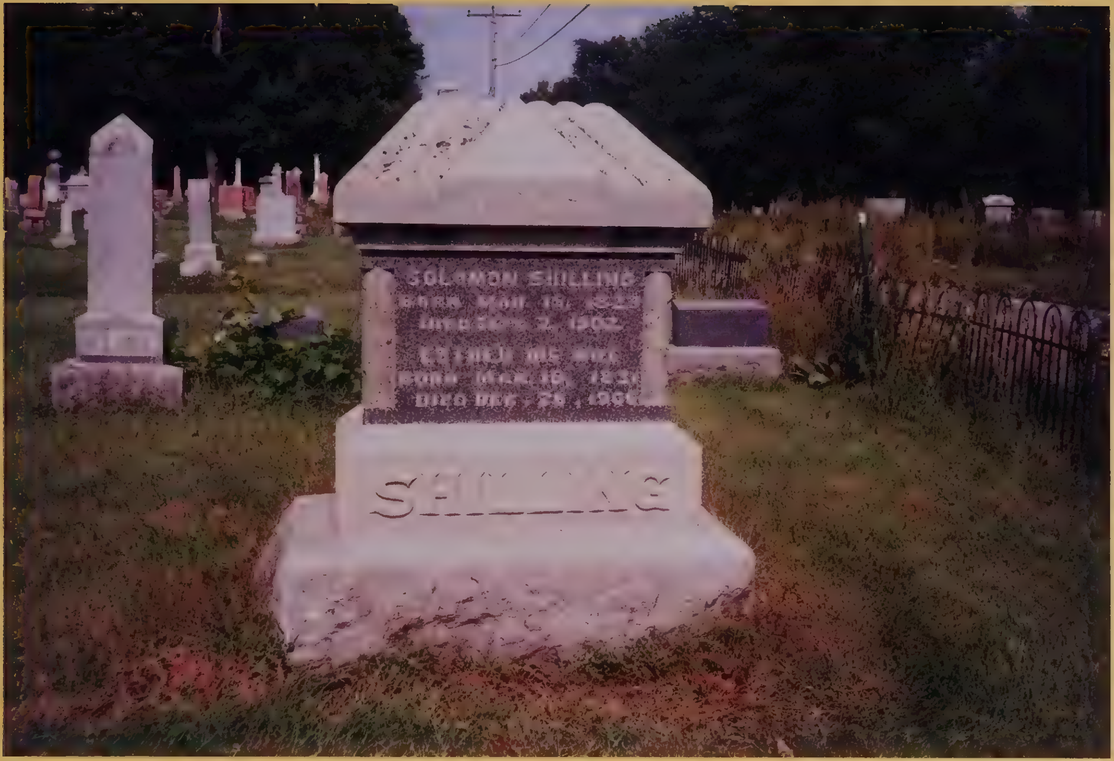
Daniel's wife was Annetta. Old history says their 2 boys were raised then in Grandma & Grandpa's home, after Annetta died in 1880. She was called "Nettie"

son of Daniel ?? Yes, Adam

Took this because Warren's mom always called Mary Shilling a "Keister" instead of Kester. May be no connection. These people would be in the same age bracket as Mary and Joseph Kester.


SOLOMON LEON
SON OF
JOSEPH & MARY
KESTER
1882

Son of Joseph Kester & Mary Shilling
1882 - 1883


SOLOMON SHILLING
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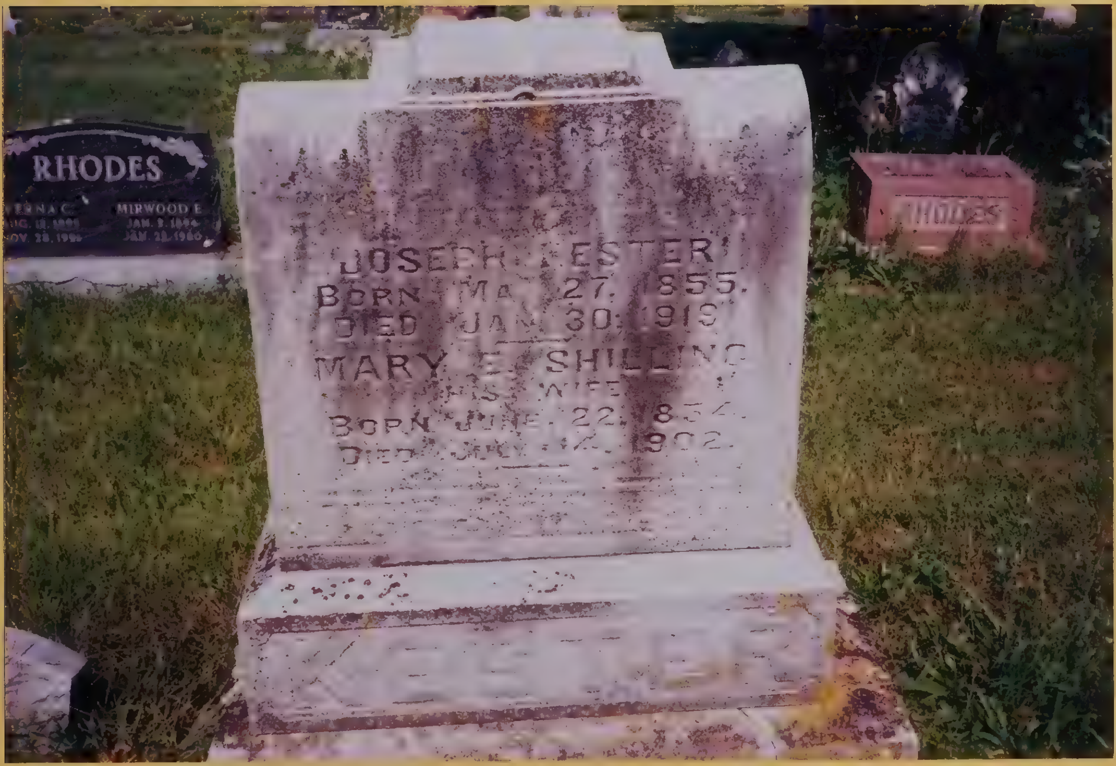
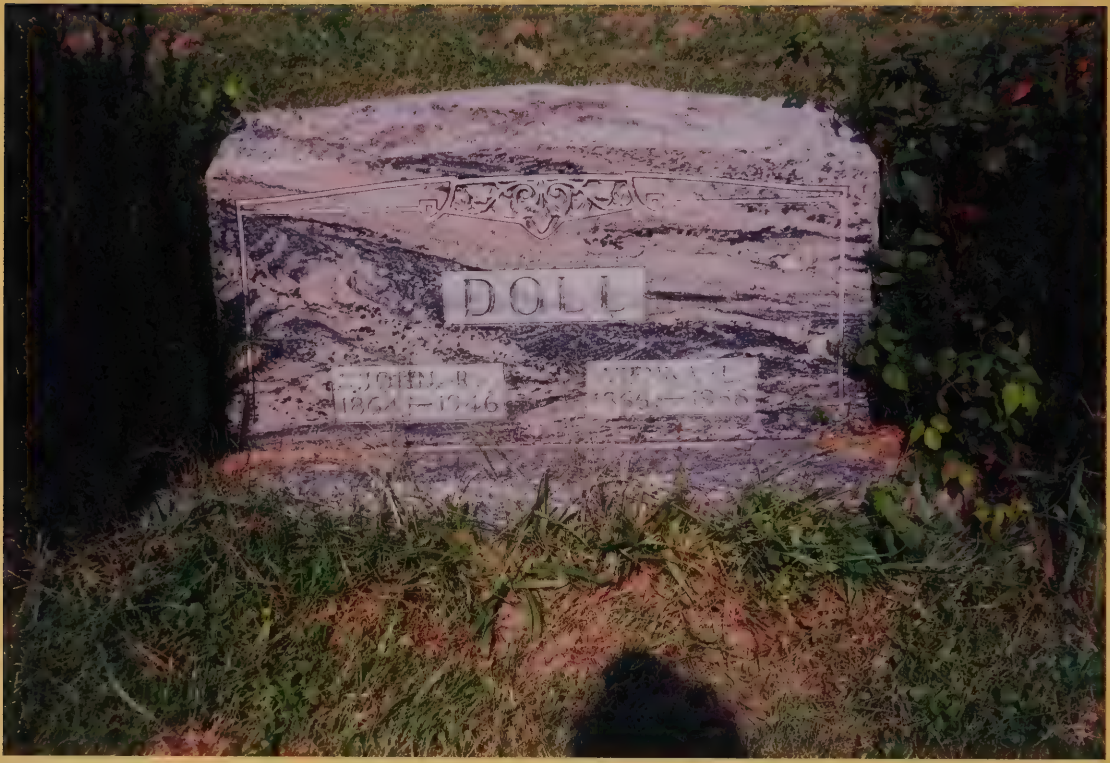
SHILLING

Warren's Great-Grandparents - Shilling


RHODES
VERNA C.
MIRWOOD E.
JOSEPH ESTER
BORN MA 27, 1855.
DIED JAN 30, 1919
MARY E. SHILLING
HIS WIFE
BORN JUNE 22, 1854.
RHODES

Mary E. Shilling

Spencerville, IN Cemetery 1998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JOHN R.
1864—1946

Warren's Grandfather John Rudy Doll 1864 - 1946
Grandmother Vienna (Shilling) Doll 1866 - 1956

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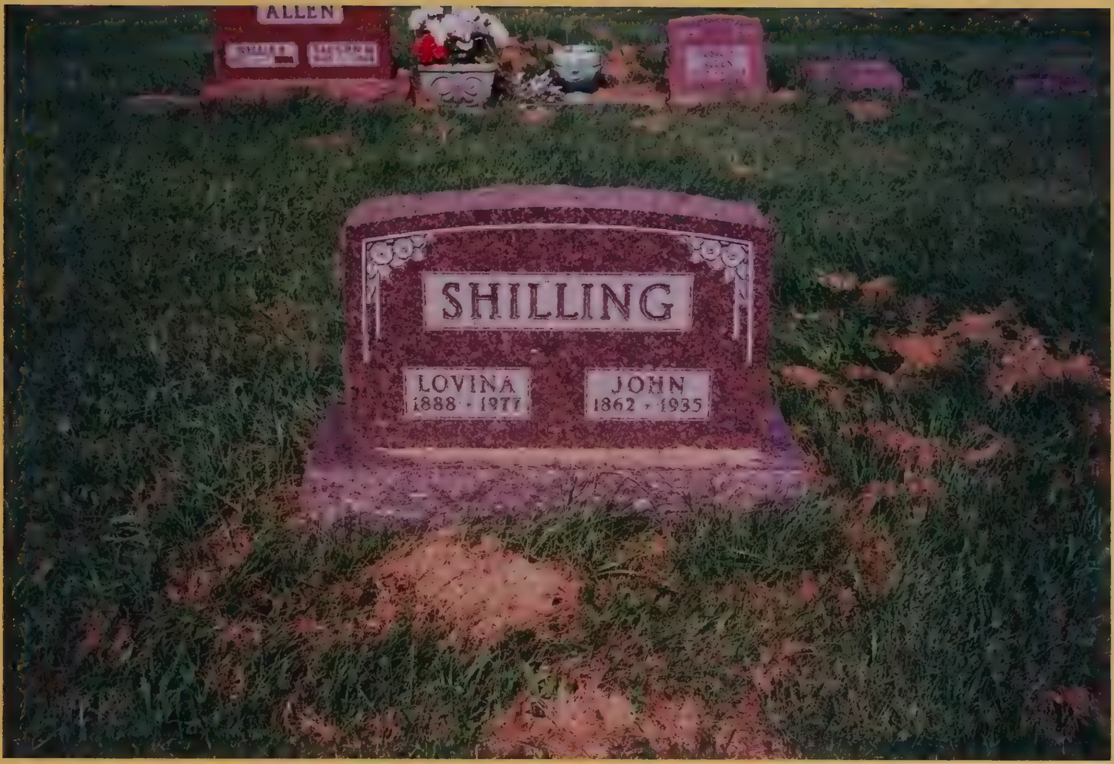
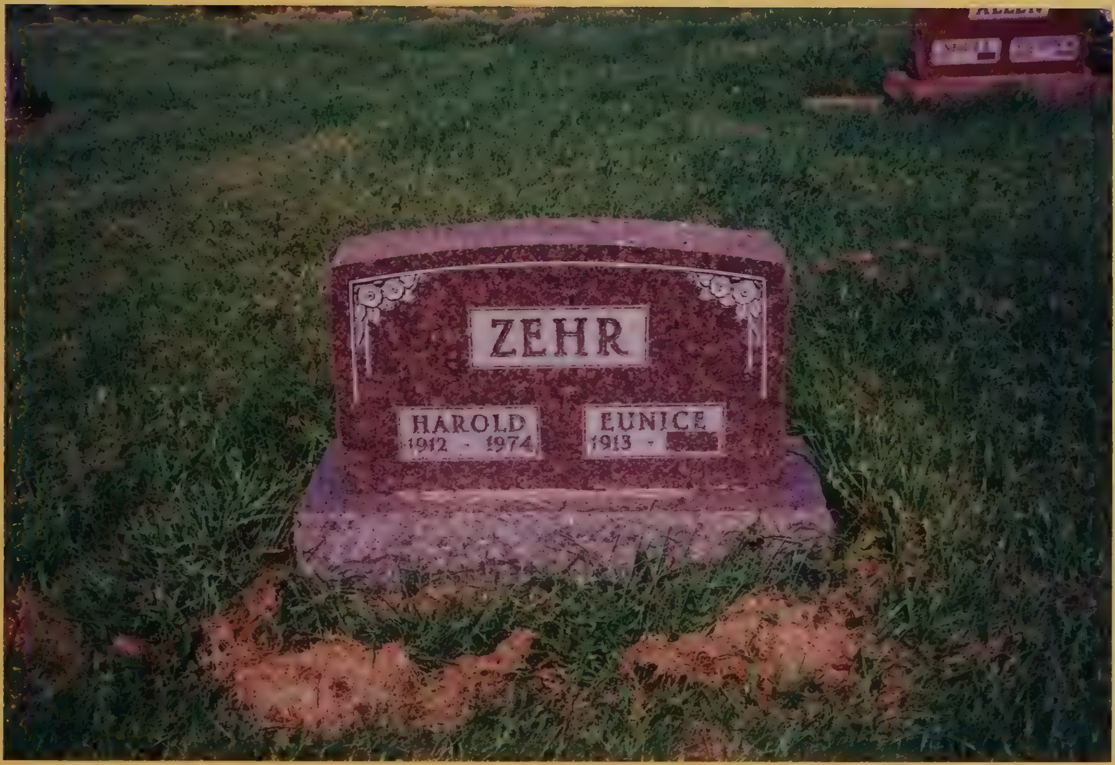

ALLEN
SHILLING
LOVINA
1888 - 1977
JOHN
1862 - 1935

Vienna's brother John Shilling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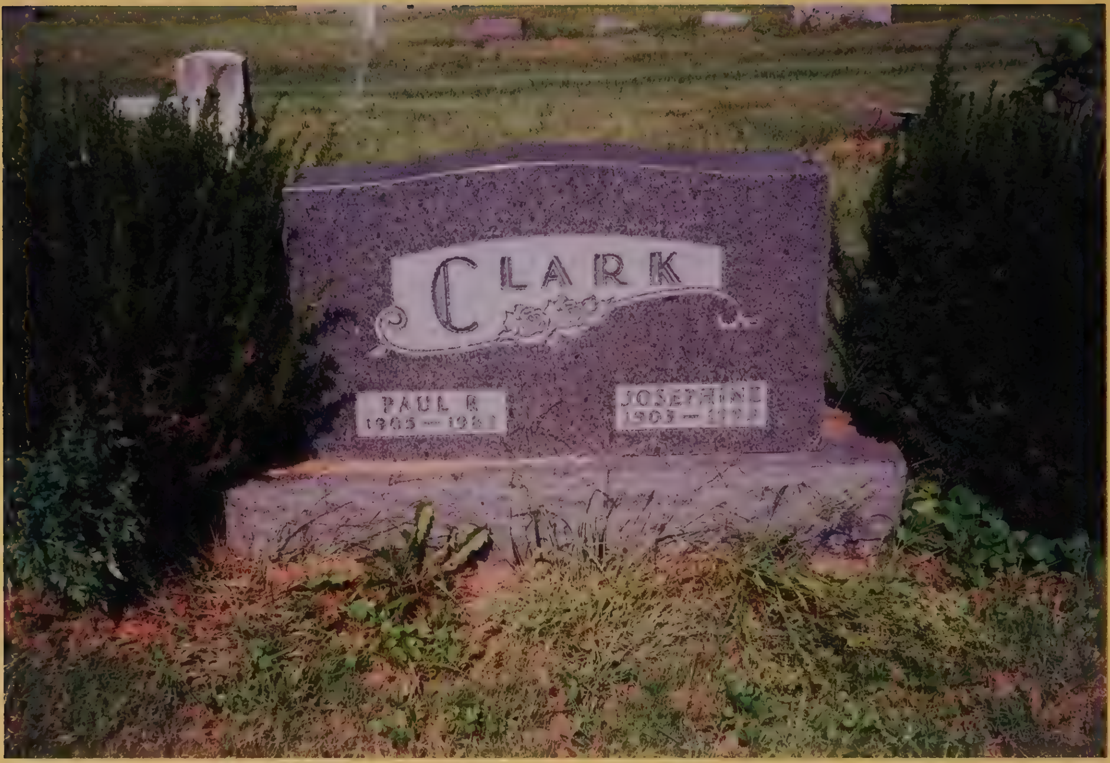
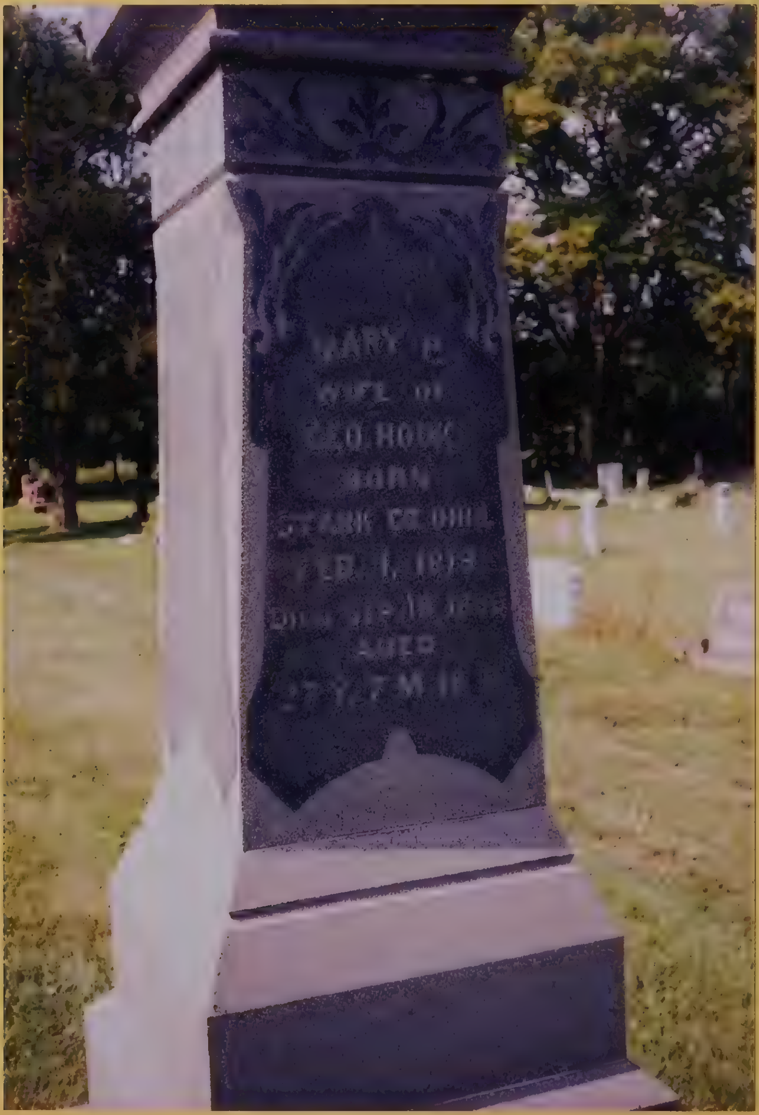
1912 - 1974
EUNICE
1913 -

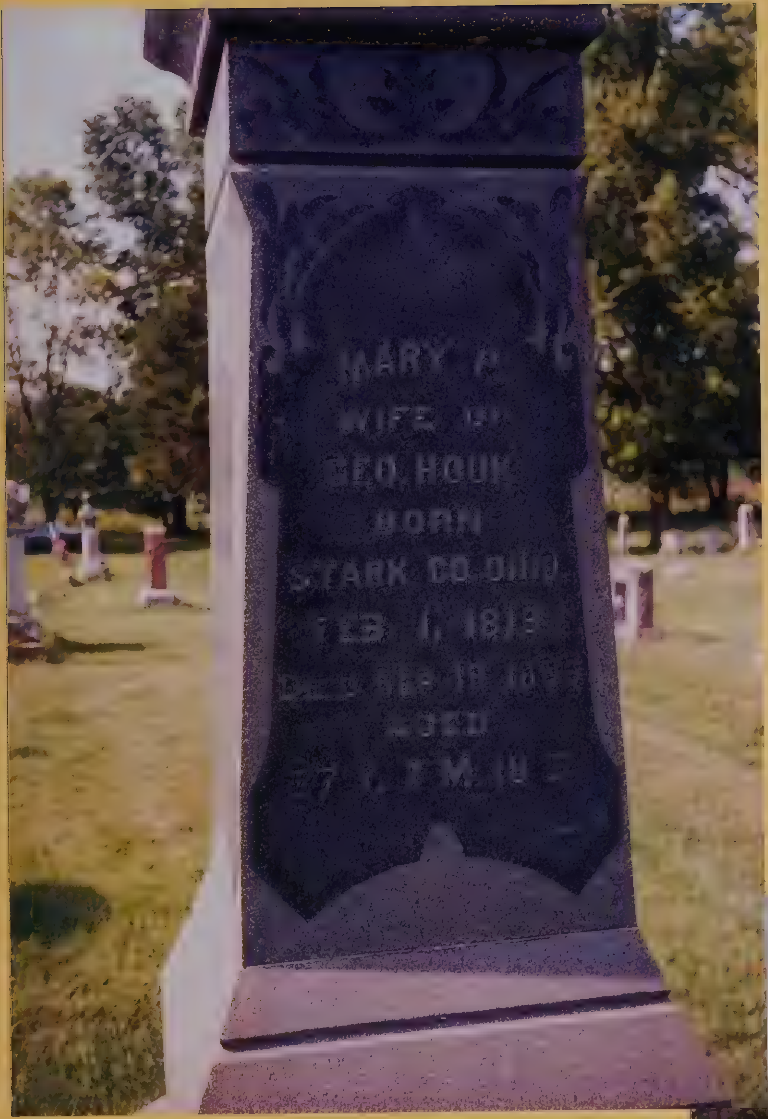
Eunice dau. of John + Lovina


CLARK
PAUL R.
JOSEPHINE

Uncle Paul Clark and Aunt Josephine (Doll) Clark


MARY P.
WIFE OF
GEO. HOUK
BORN
STARK CO. OHIO
AGED

Mary P. Shilling wife of George Houk   Sister, of Solomon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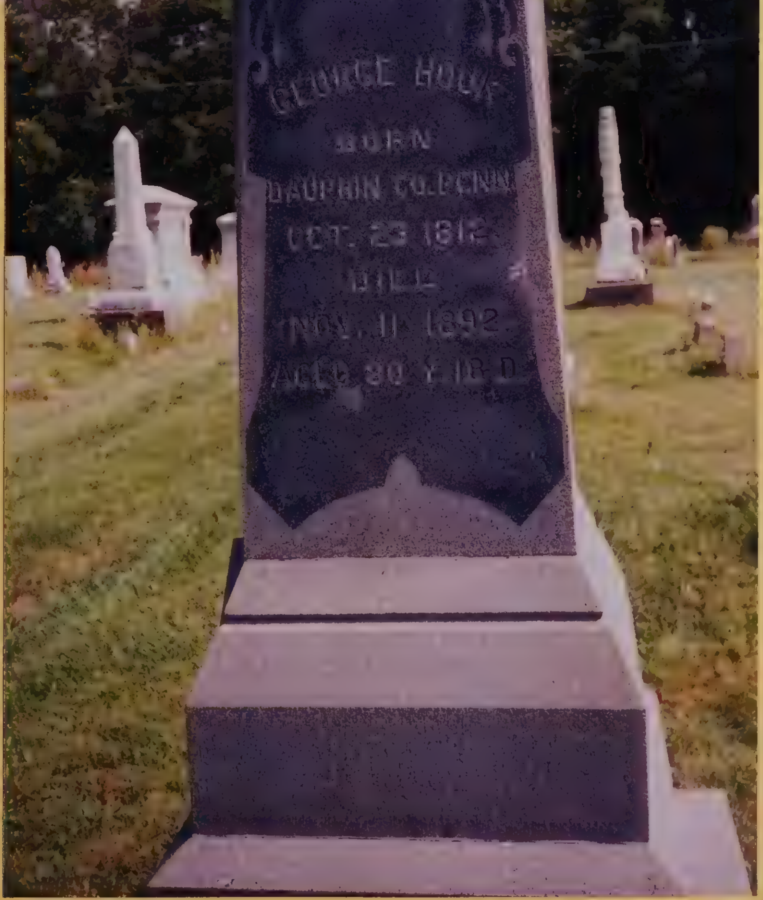
GEO. HOUK
BORN
STARK CO. OHIO
FEB. 1, 1813
AGED

George and Mary
probably married in Ohio
moved to Indiana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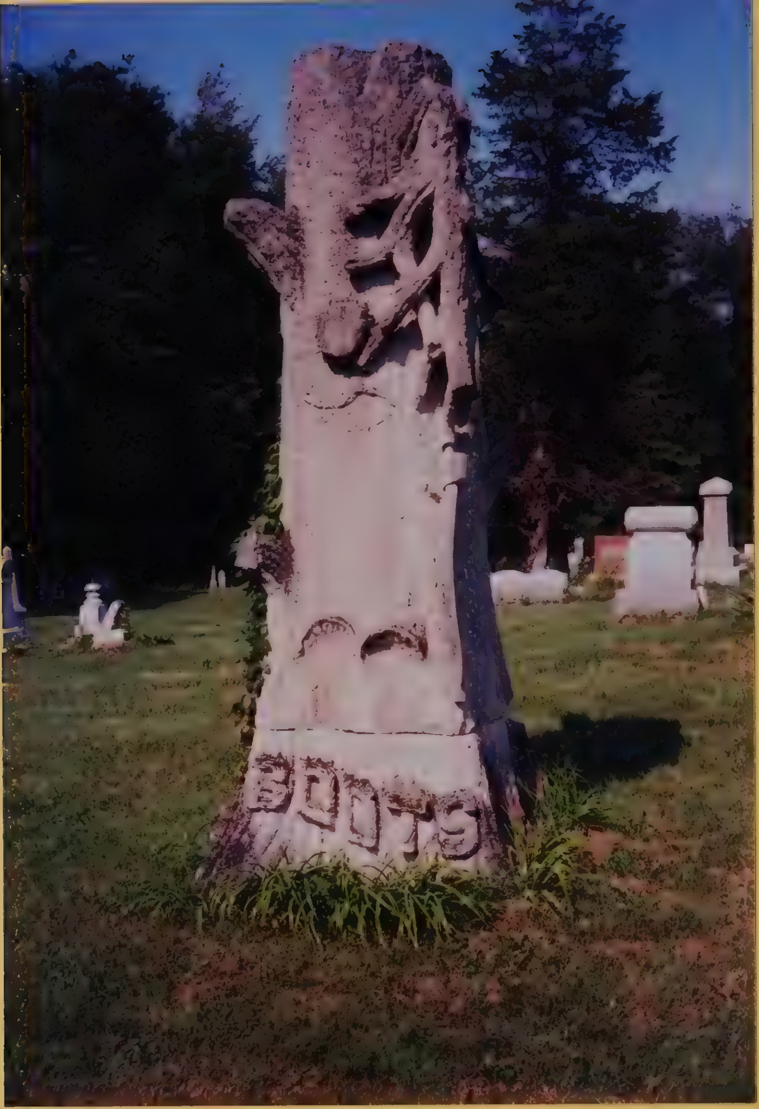
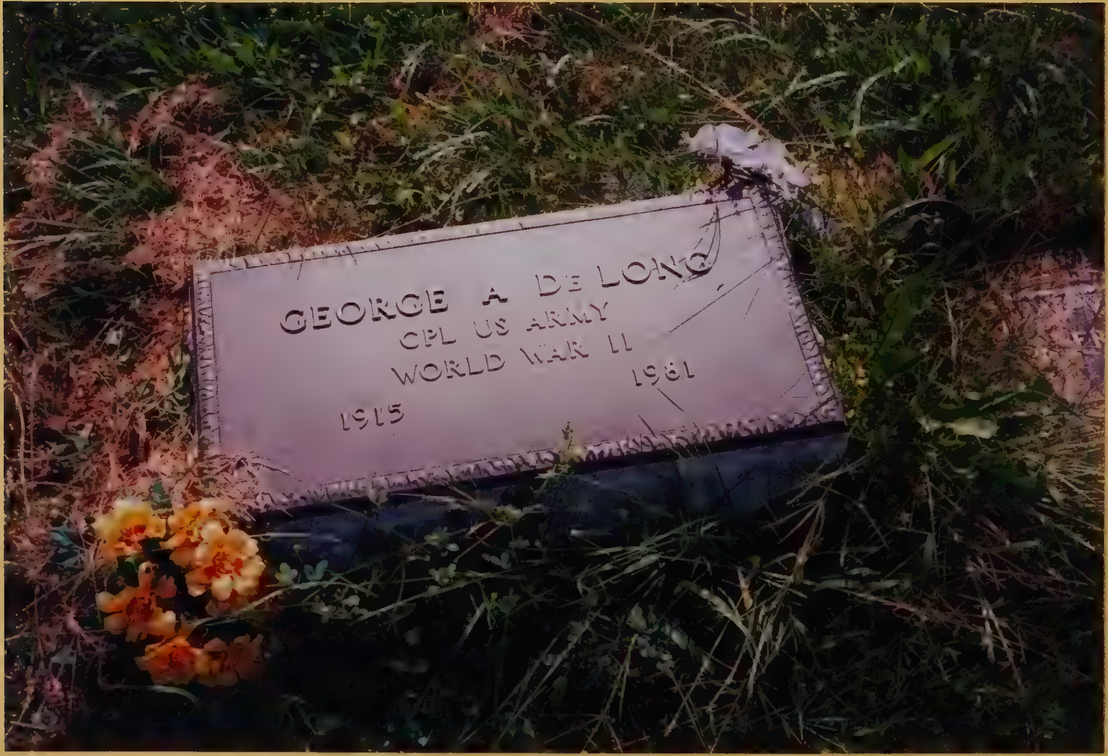


John S. Boots – interesting stone!


GEORGE A DeLONG
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George A. DeLong 1915 - 1981

Dorothy Vendrely

Dorothy M. Vendrely, 78, died today at 6:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born March 17, 1915, in Hurshtown in Allen County to Ezariah and Elberta (Oberholtzer) Hursh.

She was a real estate broker and married Erving R. Vendrely on Dec. 17, 1932, in Auburn. He survives.

Also **surviving are a** son, Bud Vendrely, of Spencerville; a daughter, Nancy Vendrely of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Woodrow Hursh of Spencerville; three sisters, Frances Doll of Auburn, Kathryn Dean of Brevard, N.C., and Helen Koch of Spencerville.

A brother, Ralph Hursh, and a sister, Cozy Fillman, preceded her in death.

A private service will be conducted for the family. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Nancy Fogle

SPENCERVILLE — Nancy J. Fogle, 68, of Spencerville died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fogle worked at Sheller Globe in Grabill for 30 years, retiring in 1998. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

She was born Oct. 3, 1936, in Spencerville to Delbert and Garnet (Hudson) Furnish. They preceded her in death.

Her first husband, Davey Doll Sr., died in 1974.

Her second husband, Charles Fogle, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Davey Doll Jr. and Jill Doll of New Carlisle; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonda and Stan Pence of Garrett, Ronda and Marty Fogle of St. Joe, and Sonda and Bob Doctor of St. Joe; three stepchildren and their spouses, Mark Fogle of Harlan, Cindy and Rod Gorrell of Harlan and Mitch and Jennifer Fogle of LaGrange; two brothers, James Furnish of Hamilton and Jerry Furnish of Auburn; two sisters, Judy Howard of Union City, Ohio, and Bonnie Raeke of Grabill; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Edwards of Leo; a cousin, Dorothy Schrader of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, William Furnish, and a sister, Betty Furnish.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Spencerville. The Rev. Russell Snyder will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Eastside High School Athletic Department, St. Peter's Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY is being republished to list additional surviving relatives.

Andrea Lee is the name of a daughter born to Stanley and Tonda (Doll) Pence, 1215 S. Lee St., Garrett, on Feb. 5 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She joins a sister, Melissa, at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle, Spencerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pence, Garrett. Great-grandparents are Vivian Helbert of Garrett, Garnet Furnish of Auburn, and Frances Doll, also of Auburn.

Deaths and tributes

Frances Doll

RIVERSIDE, CA - Frances E. Doll, 96, died Thursday, Dec. 28,2000 at 2:00 am at Parkview Hospital in Riverside, CA. after a brief illness.

Frances Hursh was born August 3, 1904 in Grabill, IN. In June,1924 she married George Doll. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Mrs. Doll worked as a buyer at Stillman's Department Store in Ft. Wayne for 25 years. In 1941, she moved to Spencerville with her family She was active in community affairs including the PTA and St. Peter's Lutheran Church. When she moved to Auburn in 1980, she continued her community service, volunteering with the Heimach Center, the Red Cross bloodmobile, R.S.V.P. , Creative Play School, Eckhart Public Library children's programs, and the Election Board. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from Governor Evan Bayh.

Mrs. Doll is best remembered as a lifelong active member of the Democratic Party and for her column, "Spotlight on Seniors" in the Auburn Evening Star. She wrote her column from 1981 until her retirement in June, 2000, at the age of 95, when she moved to Riverside to live with her daughter. She was much loved in the community and will be missed by family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and James Maxwell of Riverside, CA.; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Fogle of Spencerville; two sisters, Helen Koch of Wisconsin and Kathryn Dean of North Carolina; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son Davey Doll, three sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date for family and friends. Memorials may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

FRANCES E. DOLL, 96, of Riverside, Calif., formerly of Fort Wayne and Auburn, died Thursday in Riverside. Born in Grabill, she worked as a buyer at the former Grand Leader, later Stillman's Department Store, for 25 years. She was also the author of ''Spotlight on Seniors'' in The Auburn Evening Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, and a son, Davey. Surviving are a daughter, Ruthann Maxwell of Riverside; two sisters, Helen Koch of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and Kathryn Dean of Brevard, N.C.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. **Graveside services at a later date.** Memorials to Eckhart Public Library, Auburn. Arrangements by Akes Family Funeral Home, Riverside, Calif.

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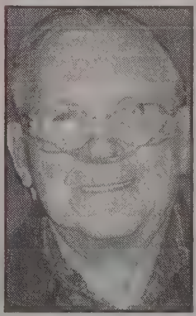
Fort Wayne

ROY E. SHILLING, of Fort Wayne, died on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, at his residence. Born Nov. 10, 1919, in St. Joe, Ind., he was the son of the late Cecil and Ila (Beber) Shilling. Surviving are his children, Nancy (Owen) Hensinger, Richard (Teri), Allen (Jan), Jeff, Laura (Bob) Klotz, and Arlene Carper; brother, Lynn (Laura) Shilling; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Treesh); daughter, Carol Trussell; grandson, Christopher Shilling; two brothers; and one sister. **Memorial service is 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, at Pathway Community Church, 11910 Shearwater Run, with Pastor Dave Biberstein officiating.** Preferred memorials to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Turnstone. Arrangements by Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services.



Shilling

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FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

Spencerville

Shilling

CAMILLA D. SHILLING, 69, of Spencerville, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. Born July 13, 1939, in Peru, she was the daughter of the late Meriville and Martha (Overman) Douglass. She was an extension agent in Allen County for 26 years; CEO of Have a Healthy Baby Program through Purdue University; worked at the Post Office in Spencerville; and co-managed with her husband, Jim the Classic City Horseshoe Club for 25 years. She was Valedictorian of Converse High School class of 1957. Earned her Masters degree from Purdue University in 1962. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church where she served as a Ley Delegate to the annual Conference for many years. She also held many positions in the United Methodist Women North Indiana Conference. She was a member of Herb Gardner's in Fort Wayne and a 40 year member of National Home Extension. She was a Professional Judge of Food and Nutrition at County Fairs. A member of National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Indiana Hall of Fame. She received National recognition for promoting NHPA and received Director of the year award for NHPA in 1993. She was a NHPA National Distributor for NHPA items. She enjoyed traveling and working alongside her husband, Jim for many years. She married Jim Shilling on Aug. 12, 1982 at Forrest Park United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne; he survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Sandra Bazini of Lakeville; two stepsons, Ed (Pat) Shilling of Spencerville and Donald (Karen) Shilling of St. Joe; two brothers, Elliott Douglass of Greentown and Wayne Douglass of Boulder, Colo.; a sister, Judy Hill of Valico, Fla.; and two step-grandchildren, Mindy Georgi and Tricia Lovett. She was also preceded in death by son- in-law, Jim Bazini. **Service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Auburn First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.** Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Memorials to the church.

Spencerville

Shilling

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SHILLING CAMILLA D.

SPENCERVILLE, CAMILLA D. SHILLING, 69 of Spencerville, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. Born July 13, 1939, in Peru, she was the daughter of the late MERIVILLE and MARTHA (OVERMAN) DOUGLASS. She was an extension agent in Allen County for 26 years, CEO of Have a Healthy Baby Program through Purdue University; worked at the Post Office in Spencerville, and co-managed with her husband, Jim, the Classic City Horseshoe Club for 25 years. She was Valedictorian of Converse High School class of 1957. Earned her Master's degree from Purdue University in 1962. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church where she served as a Ley (Lay?) Delegate to the annual Conference for many years. She also held many positions in the United Methodist Women North Indiana Conference. She was a member of Herb Gardner's in Fort Wayne and a 40-year member of National Home Extension. She was a professional judge of food and nutrition at county fairs; a member of National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Indiana of Fame. She received national recognition for promoting NHPA and received Director of the year award for NHPA in 1993. She was a NHPA National Distributor for NHPA items. She enjoyed traveling and working alongside her husband, Jim, for many years.

She married JIM SHILLING on August 12, 1982 at Forrest Park United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are
A daughter:
    SANDRA BAZINI of Lakeville
Two step-sons:
    ED (PAT) SHILLING of Spencerville
    DONALD (KAREN) SHILLING of St. Joe
Two brothers:
    ELLIOT DOUGLAS of Greentown
    WAYNE DOUGLAS of Boulder, Colo.
A sister:
    JUDY HILL of Valico, Fla.
Two step-grandchildren:
    MINDI GEORGI
    TRICIA LOVETT

She was preceded in death by son-in-law, JIM BAZINI.

Service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Au burn First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Calling is from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Memorials to the church.

DEKALB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Auburn, Indiana
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

TYPE/PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK

DECEDENT

1. DECEASED–NAME (First Middle Last): ESTHER K. FITCH
2. SEX: Female
3a. TIME OF DEATH: 11:55PM
3b. DATE OF DEATH (Month Day Yr): April 29, 1999
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 306-05-2785
5a. AGE - Last Birthday (Years): 99
5b. UNDER 1 YEAR: Months / Days
5c. UNDER 1 DAY: Hours / Minutes
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo Day Yr): Apr 28, 1900
7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country): SPENCERVILLE, IN
8a. WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN?: No
8b. YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES: N/A
9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions)
HOSPITAL: ☐ Inpatient ☐ ER/Outpatient ☐ DOA
OTHER: ☒ Nursing Home ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Residence
9b. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number): BETZ NURSING HOME
9c. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH: AUBURN
9d. COUNTY OF DEATH: DEKALB
10. MARITAL STATUS (Specify): Widowed
11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name): NONE
12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired): HOMEMAKER
12b. KIND OF BUSINESS INDUSTRY: DOMESTIC
13a. RESIDENCE - STATE: IN
13b. COUNTY: DEKALB
13c. CITY TOWN OR LOCATION: AUBURN
13d. STREET AND NUMBER: 3009 CR 38 BETZ NURSING HOME
13e. ZIP CODE: 46706
13f. INSIDE CITY LIMITS: ☐ No ☒ Yes
13g. ON A FARM?: ☒ No ☐ Yes
14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?: USA
15. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?: ☒ No ☐ Yes (If yes specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)
16. RACE - American Indian Black, White, etc. (Specify): WHITE
17. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed): Elementary/Secondary (0-12): 8 College (1-4 or 5+):

PARENTS

18. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last): JOHN R. DOLL
19. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname): VIENNA SHILLING

INFORMANT

20a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print): WARREN FITCH
20b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code): 14615 AUBURN ROAD, FORT WAYNE, IN 46845
20c. Relationship: Son

DISPOSITION

21a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION: ☐ Entombment ☒ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal from State ☐ Donation ☐ Other (Specify) ______
21b. DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory or other place): May 3, 1999 CEDAR CREEK CHAPEL CEMETERY
21c. LOCATION - City or Town State: Garrett, IN
22a. EMBALMER'S NAME: ANDREW C. DAVID
22b. EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO.: FD29600002
23. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER?: ☒ No ☐ Yes
24a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR: Andrew C David
24b. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee): FD29600002
25. NAME ADDRESS AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME:
FH83007152
FELLER FUNERAL HOME
875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo, IN 46793

CAUSE OF DEATH

26. PART I Enter the diseases injuries or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death)
a. Congestive Heart Failure
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)
b. ______
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)
c. ______
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF)
d.
Conditions if any which gave rise to the immediate cause stating the underlying cause last

PART II. Other significant conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I.
27. WAS DECEDENT PREGNANT OR 90 DAYS POSTPARTUM? (Yes or no): No
28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no): No
28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no): No

CERTIFIER

29a. CERTIFIER (Check only one)
☒ CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated.
☐ HEALTH OFFICER On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated.
☐ CORONER On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.
29b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER:
29c. MEDICAL LICENSE NO: 01034432
29d. DATE SIGNED (Month Day Year): 4/30/99
30. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 26) (Type/Print): Philip J Chase, M.D., 1314 E. 7th St., Ste. 101, Auburn, IN 46706

HEALTH OFFICER

31. HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE:
32. DATE FILED (Month Day Year): MAY 03 1999

33. MANNER OF DEATH: ☐ Natural ☐ Pending Investigation ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Could not be Determined ☐ Homicide
34a. DATE OF INJURY (Month Day Year):
34b. TIME OF INJURY:
34c. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no):
34d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED:
34e. PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify):
34f. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number City or Town State):
34g. DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year):
34h. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? (Yes or no) If yes specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.

SDH06-004 State Form 10110-04 (R4 / 3-93) DEATHCER/PD 1

This is a true copy of the record
on file with the DeKalb County
Health Department,

Mark S Souder, MD
Local Health Officer

Services today for Esther K. Fitch, 99

Esther K. Fitch, 99, died Thursday at 11:55 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. David Furlough officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Mrs. Fitch was born April 28, 1999 in Spencerville. Her parents were John R. and Vienna (Shilling) Doll. She and Otis Fitch were married Dec. 30, 1926, in Spencerville. He preceded her in death in 1976. Mrs. Fitch formerly lived in Garrett and was a member of the Altar Star United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Warren Fitch of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Taris, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, one brother and one sister.

Savings Bank, Garrett State Bank, Community State Bank-Avilla, Kleeman Realty, Bernie and Lillian Myers, Virginia Murphy, the Garrett Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Rieke Corporation, Custom Lights-Garrett, Eaton Corporation and the Garrett Bowl.

Ron Murphy
Michelle Randol
Wee Haven Industries

s Lifeguard Course

Requirements include being able to swim 1/4 mile. Lessons will include CPR and First Aid training. After completion of this course, students will be certified to work as a lifeguard at any indoor or outdoor pool, lake or beach.

Classes will meet every Monday and Wednesday, May 3 through 26, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the YMCA, 310 North Main Street, Auburn.

The fee is $100 and includes

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 06-27SH

Name	Esther	Middle		Last Name	Shilling
Age	75yrs/9m	Sex	F	Marital Status	Widowed
Dec Address	Not Listed				
Birthplace	Pennsylvania			Birth	03-18-1831
Place of Death	Spencerville			Addr.of Death	DeKalb
City of Death	Indiana	Zip		County of Death	DeKalb County
Date of Death	12-26-1906	Time of Death			
Cause of Death	CARCINOMA OF STOMACH Husband: Solomon Shilling				
Funeral Home	Beams & Co.	FAddress	Not Listed		
Cemetery	Spencerville	CAddress	Spencerville, IN	Burial Date	12-29-1906
Date Issued	10-18-2002	Book	D3	Page	101
Father's Name	Blilor - PA				
Mother's Name	Elizabeth L. Blixlen - PA				
Informant's Name	Not Listed				
Informant's Address	Not Listed				
Informants' Relationship	Not Listed				
Completed by	Dr. Benjamin Shook				
Occupation	Housewife				

- Esther Shilling -
wife of Solomon

DeKalb County Health Department Genealogy

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Funeral Home	Beams & Co.	FAddress	Not Listed		
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Father's Name	Blilor - PA				
Mother's Name	Elizabeth L. Blixlen - PA				
Informant's Name	Not Listed				
Informant's Address	Not Listed				
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DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 34-05SH

Name Adam Middle Last Name Shilling

Age 78yrs/5m Sex M Marital Status Married

Dec Address Not Listed

Birthplace Indiana Birth 09-29-1855

Place of Death St. Joe Addr.of Death DeKalb

City of Death Indiana Zip County of Death DeKalb County

Date of Death 03-25-1934 Time of Death

Cause of Death SENILE---GANGRENE---ARTERIOSCLEROSIS---MENTAL INSUFFICIENCY

Wife: Malinda Shilling

Funeral Home Roscoe Walter FAddress Spencerville, IN

Cemetery K. of P. Cemetery CAddress Spencerville, IN Burial Date

Date Issued 10-18-2002 Book 10 Page 69

Father's Name Solomon Shilling - Ohio

Mother's Name Esther Bliler - Ohio

Informant's Name Not Listed

Informant's Address Not Listed

Informants' Relationship Not Listed

Completed by Dr. Benjamin A. Shook

Occupation Not Listed

- Adam Shilling -
Son of Solomon & Esther

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 34-05SH

Name	Adam	Middle		Last Name	Shilling
Age	78yrs/5m	Sex	M	Marital Status	Married

Dec Address Not Listed

Birthplace	Indiana	Birth	09-29-1855
Place of Death	St. Joe	Addr.of Death	DeKalb

City of Death	Indiana	Zip		County of Death	DeKalb County

Date of Death	03-25-1934	Time of Death	

Cause of Death SENILE---GANGRENE---ARTERIOSCLEROSIS---MENTAL INSUFFICIENCY

Wife: Malinda Shilling

Funeral Home	Roscoe Walter	FAddress	Spencerville, IN		
Cemetery	K. of P. Cemetery	CAddress	Spencerville, IN	Burial Date	
Date Issued	10-18-2002	Book	10	Page	69

Father's Name Solomon Shilling - Ohio

Mother's Name Esther Bliler - Ohio

Informant's Name Not Listed

Informant's Address Not Listed

Informants' Relationship Not Listed

Completed by Dr. Benjamin A. Shook

Occupation Not Listed

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

		Death Certificate Number	36-13SH		
Name	Daniel	Middle		Last Name	Shilling
Age	86yrs/4m	Sex	M	Marital Status	Widowed
Dec Address	Not Listed				
Birthplace	Ohio			Birth	10-19-1849
Place of Death	Auburn	Addr.of Death	DeKalb County		
City of Death	IN	Zip		County of Death	DeKalb County
Date of Death	02-24-1936	Time of Death	10:00:00 AM		
Cause of Death	BURNS---BRONCHIO PNEUMONIA				
Funeral Home	Roscoe Walter	FAddress	Spencerville, IN		
Cemetery	Not Listed	CAddress	Spencerville, IN	Burial Date	02-26-1936
Date Issued	10-18-2002	Book	A28	Page	43
Father's Name	Solomon Shilling - Ohio				
Mother's Name	Esther Blyler - Ohio				
Informant's Name	Samuel Shilling				
Informant's Address	R. 1; Auburn, IN				
Informants' Relationship	Not Listed				
Completed by	Dr. C. R. Clark				
Occupation	Retired				

- Daniel Shilling -
Son of Solomon And Esther

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 36-13SH

Name Daniel Middle Last Name Shilling

Age 86yrs/4m Sex M Marital Status Widowed

Dec Address Not Listed

Birthplace Ohio Birth 10-19-1849

Place of Death Auburn Addr.of Death DeKalb County

City of Death IN Zip County of Death DeKalb County

Date of Death 02-24-1936 Time of Death 10:00:00 AM

Cause of Death BURNS---BRONCHIO PNEUMONIA

Funeral Home Roscoe Walter FAddress Spencerville, IN

Cemetery Not Listed CAddress Spencerville, IN Burial Date 02-26-1936

Date Issued 10-18-2002 Book A28 Page 43

Father's Name Solomon Shilling - Ohio

Mother's Name Esther Blyler - Ohio

Informant's Name Samuel Shilling

Informant's Address R. 1; Auburn, IN

Informants' Relationship Not Listed

Completed by Dr. C. R. Clark

Occupation Retired

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 43-19SH

Name	Samuel	Middle	Henry	Last Name	Shilling
Age	64yrs/4m	Sex	M	Marital Status	Married
Dec Address	Not Listed				
Birthplace	Indiana			Birth	10-16-1878
Place of Death	Rural DeKalb County	Addr.of Death			
City of Death	Indiana	Zip		County of Death	DeKalb County
Date of Death	03-06-1943	Time of Death	8:00:00 PM		
Cause of Death	CORONARY OCCLUSION---CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASE Wife: Maude Shilling				
Funeral Home	Jay A. Dilgard	FAddress	Auburn, IN		
Cemetery	Woodlawn	CAddress	Auburn, IN	Burial Date	03-09-1943
Date Issued	10-18-2002	Book	39	Page	73
Father's Name	Dan Shilling - Ohio				
Mother's Name	Nettie Widney - Indiana				
Informant's Name	Mrs. Maude Shilling				
Informant's Address	St. Joe, IN				
Informants' Relationship	Wife				
Completed by	Dr. D. M. Hines				
Occupation	Farmer				

Samuel Shilling
Son of Daniel & Annette

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 43-19SH

Name **Samuel** Middle **Henry** Last Name **Shilling**

Age 64yrs/4m Sex M Marital Status Married

Dec Address Not Listed

Birthplace Indiana Birth 10-16-1878

Place of Death Rural DeKalb County Addr.of Death

City of Death Indiana Zip County of Death DeKalb County

Date of Death 03-06-1943 Time of Death 8:00:00 PM

Cause of Death CORONARY OCCLUSION---CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASE

Wife: Maude Shilling

Funeral Home Jay A. Dilgard FAddress Auburn, IN

Cemetery Woodlawn CAddress Auburn, IN Burial Date 03-09-1943

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Father's Name Dan Shilling - Ohio

Mother's Name Nettie Widney - Indiana

Informant's Name Mrs. Maude Shilling

Informant's Address St. Joe, IN

Informants' Relationship Wife

Completed by Dr. D. M. Hines

Occupation Farmer

DeKalb County Health Department Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 23-10SH

Name	William	Middle		Last Name	Shilling
Age	68yrs/9m	Sex	M	Marital Status	Married
Dec Address	Not Listed				
Birthplace	Ohio			Birth	04-24-1844
Place of Death	Butler Twp.	Addr.of Death	DeKalb County		
City of Death	Indiana	Zip		County of Death	DeKalb County
Date of Death	01-30-1923	Time of Death			
Cause of Death	CEREBRAL APOPLEXY---ARTERIOSCLEROSIS Wife: Minnie Shilling				
Funeral Home	Ray C. Dilgard	FAddress	Auburn, IN		
Cemetery	Cedar Chapel	CAddress	Rural DeKalb Co., IN	Burial Date	
Date Issued	10-18-2002	Book	34	Page	63
Father's Name	Dan Shilling - Indiana				
Mother's Name	Elizabeth Fryberger - Ohio				
Informant's Name	Not Listed				
Informant's Address	Not Listed				
Informants' Relationship	Not Listed				
Completed by	Dr. D. M. Reynolds				
Occupation	Farmer				

- William Shilling nephew of Solomon -
son of Dan & Eliz

DeKalb County Health Department
Genealogy

Death Certificate Number 23-10SH

Name William Middle Last Name Shilling

Age 68yrs/9m Sex M Marital Status Married

Dec Address Not Listed

Birthplace Ohio Birth 04-24-1844

Place of Death Butler Twp. Addr.of Death DeKalb County

City of Death Indiana Zip County of Death DeKalb County

Date of Death 01-30-1923 Time of Death

Cause of Death CEREBRAL APOPLEXY---ARTERIOSCLEROSIS

Wife: Minnie Shilling

Funeral Home Ray C. Dilgard FAddress Auburn, IN

Cemetery Cedar Chapel CAddress Rural DeKalb Co., IN Burial Date

Date Issued 10-18-2002 Book 34 Page 63

Father's Name Dan Shilling - Indiana

Mother's Name Elizabeth Fryberger - Ohio

Informant's Name Not Listed

Informant's Address Not Listed

Informants' Relationship Not Listed

Completed by Dr. D. M. Reynolds

Occupation Farmer

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Never an old year ends
but I think of some one
old days old times
old friends

Times change & we with time
but not in the ways of friendship

Wishing you
bright Christmas memories
to shine
through the New Year!

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IN WITNESS OF
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
AND
THE CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE AND CHRISTIAN HOPE,
OF

ESTHER DOLL FITCH

BORN: APRIL 28, 1900 - DIED: APRIL 29, 1999

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	Rev. David E. Furlough
PRAYER	
SCRIPTURE TO COMFORT	
PRAYER OF PRAISE & AFFIRMATION	
THE COMMITTAL	
THE LORD'S PRAYER **(UNISON)** ***see opposite page***	
BLESSING	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,

AND THE POWER,

AND THE GLORY,

FOREVER.

AMEN.

THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN PROVIDED
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By

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

IN MEMORY OF

Esther Doll Fitch

(04/28/1900 - 04/29/1999)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
OT: Isaiah 25:6-9
NT: John 14:2-3

MEDITATION “Remembrance” Rev. David E. Furlough

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PSALM 23 **(UNISON)** *see opposite page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER ***(DEBTS…DEBTORS)***

CARRYING THE HOPE OF THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

For his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

Of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy

Shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER **(UNISON)** ***see opposite page***

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BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

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AND THE POWER,

AND THE GLORY,

FOREVER.

AMEN.

Remembrance

Isaiah 25:6-9; John 14:2-3

A Funeral Meditation For Esther Doll Fitch

Esther Doll Fitch,
born to John and Vienna Doll,
drew her first breath of life, on April 28, 1900,
and she breathed her last on April 29, 1999.
She lived ninety-nine years and one day,
and that is a lot of living, by any standard.
As these many years unfolded,
this child of God was
a daughter to John and Vienna Doll,
who preceeded her in death ,
a sister to her brother George
and her sister Josephine,
both of which preceeded her in death,
a wife to her husband of nearly fifty years,
Otis Fitch, who preceeded her in death,
a mother to her three children,
Elsie, who preceeded her in death,
Warren and Maxine, who are here today,
a grandmother to eleven,
a great grandmother to twenty-two,
and a faithful friend to many,
especially to Dorothy Thrush
and to Monnie, who also preceded her in death.
Over the course of her ninety-nine years,
a good number of those she has loved
have preceded her in death,
she has known many shattering losses,
and yet

she has also left a grand legacy of love
that will, over time,
continue to pay tribute
to her love and nurturing
for many years to come.

As I thought about what I might say today,
I looked around our home
and saw so much evidence of
Esther’s life and love
as it has been shared with us,
and I couldn’t help thinking about
how she had given at least this much of herself
to the rest of the family.

Her remembrance will be easy for us,
because of all the pieces of herself
she has left us,
as part of our everyday lives.
The greatest gift to most all of us
has been the legacy of her hand work, her quilts.
She loved to quilt
and she loved to give the product of that love
to all of us,
and she did so
ever so unassumingly.

She lived all but the last few years of her life
on the farm,
a simple life
that showed in all that she was.

She had a gentle spirit
and was a giver of uncommon magnitude.
She introduced me to Gooseberry pie,
and the magic of siting on the front porch
and watching the corn grow.
We were surprised one day,
at our home in Florida,
by a man Esther had paid
to bring us the old cream separator,
that I fell in love with
when we were visiting her
at the old farm house one summer.
That separator still sits in our dinning room,
reminding us everyday
of this gracious woman.

In the course of her life,
she had to adjust to
a great deal of change in her world.
She came into a world of
horses, buggies, and the telegraph
at the turn of the century.
She saw the coming and going of the World Wars,
the roaring twenties, the depression,
the automobile – though she never drove,
and then there were men on the moon
and space travel.
She saw agriculture give way to industry
and industry give way to
the technical era of computers
and the World Wide Web.
One gains a lot of wisdom

and learns a great deal
about acceptance
under such circumstances.
For instance,
I know that Esther never liked
the picture I took of her
and hung in our living room.
She didn't understand
why we thought it was so beautiful,
but she accepted it – finally.
She also never liked the color blue,
but she is being buried today
in a blue dress.
It's okay, though,
she would understand.
Esther Doll Fitch
lived a good and long life.
She received and gave
a lot of love over the years.
She will be missed,
but she will not be forgotten.
Her remembrance
lives in our hearts
and in our homes
and in the love
she taught us to give and receive graciously.
As our scriptures tell us,
she is still In the house of God…
she's just moved to another room,
where she is neither old or sick or tired or alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Auburn

ESTHER K. FITCH, 99, died Tuesday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Born in Spencerville, she was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, Warren, of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Terrace, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis, and a daughter. **Services at 1 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.** Burial in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

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God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest; God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

In Loving Memory Of

ESTHER K. FITCH

Date of Birth

April 28, 1900

Date of Death

April 29, 1999

Time & Place of Services

1:00PM
May 3, 1999
FELLER FUNERAL HOME

Officiating

REV. DAVID FURLOUGH

Interment

CEDAR CREEK CHAPEL CEMETERY
Garrett, Indiana

Arrangements Handled By

FELLER FUNERAL HOME
Waterloo, Indiana

In Appreciation . . .

On behalf of the family, we wish to express appreciation for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the service.

Feller Funeral Home

Ron and Karen Feller
Dave and Laurie Feller

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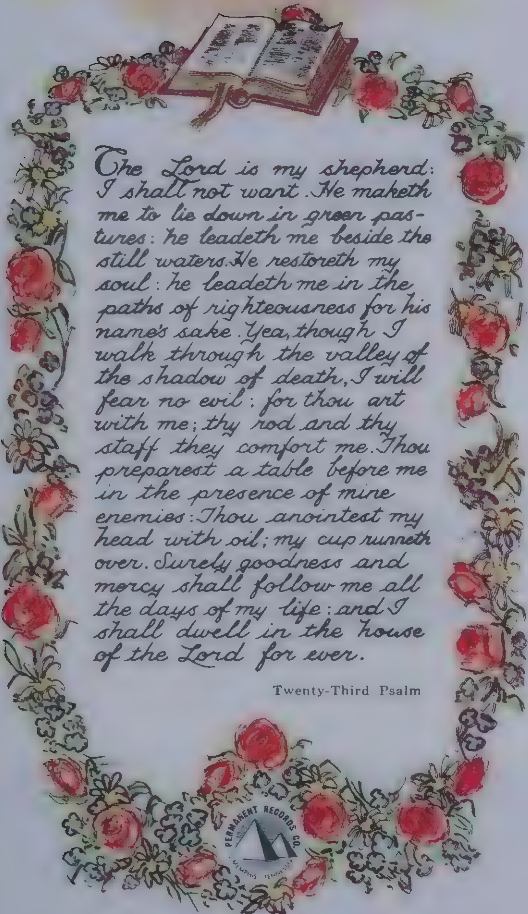
Rest In Peace



The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Twenty-Third Psalm

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Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Thursday, April 29, 1999

Esther K. Fitch

Auburn — 1900-1999

Esther K. Fitch, 99, of Auburn, a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church in Garrett, died Thursday, April 29, 1999, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

The Spencerville native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Warren of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Maxine Ober of Temple Taris, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; a step-granddaughter; and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis, in 1976; and a daughter, brother and sister.

Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Section B (con't.)

Lot #68 DAMMANN, Nicolaus, d. June 28, 1883, ae 63y, 3m, 15d
Father
Catharina, wife of N., d. July 13, 1892, ae 71y, 4m, 8d
Mother

Lot #69 MAGGINIS, William, d. Feb. 20, 1888, ae 81y, 11m
Rosean, his wife, d. Oct. 22, 1883, ae 73y, 8m, 5d

Probably Solomon's older brother

Lot #70 SHILLING, Joseph E., d. Oct. 6, 1882, ae 64y, 3m, 18d
born 1818
Father
possible Anna Catherine
Anna C., wife of Joseph E., d. Apr. 6, 1906, ae 84y, 11m, 1d born 1822
Mother (stone loose)

Lot #71 OPEN

Lot #72 ESSING, Margaret, b. 1836, d. 1922
Edith, dau. of D. and M., d. June 13, 1884, ae 20y, 5m, 20d
David, b. 1833, d. 1906

Lot #73 KRUGER, John, b. 1831, d. 1908
Sophia, his wife, b. 1829, d. 1907

Lot #73 SHULL, Wilhelnina
Helmuth, d. Dec. 29, 1896, ae 83y, 7m, 16d

Lot #74 HYLER, Sophia, d. June 17, 1884, ae 30y, 1m, 11d

Lot #75 OPEN

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

DeKalb Co, IND

Section B (con't.)

Lot #76 BANGS, Macy R., (Stahl), b. 1867, d. 1949

Lot #76 STAHL, Joseph A., b. 1863, d. 1899

Lot #76 REED, Mary E. (Stahl), b. 1857, d. 1899
Mother

Lot #76 STAHL, Elizabeth, wife of B., d. Nov. 13, 1883, ae 59y, 9m, 9d
Mother
J.B., d. Apr. 5, 1901, ae 79y, 6m, 23d
Father

Lot #77 WARD, Stephen B., minister of Gospel, b. July 22, 1816, d. Jan. 30, 1894
Laura (Brooks), b. Feb. 10, 1823, d. Mar. 20, 1907

Lot #77 EHLERS, J.H., b. Sept. 26, 1840, d. June 22, 1882, Lieut. 11 Ind. L.A.
Mary A., b. 1860, d. 1939

Lot #78 Richards, Alexander, b. 1835, d. 1904
Abigail, b. 1836, d. 1908
May, b. 1876, d. 1890
Floyd Webb, b. 1896, d. 1897
A.M., Co.E. 55, Ohio Inf.

Lot #79 REED, Mary C., dau. of W.H. and L.C., d. Feb. 10, 1860

Lot #80 ENSLEY, Father
George, b. Sept. 12, 1815, d. Aug. 1, 1888
Clara (Clark), b. May 1, 1860, d. Aug. 26, 1888

Lot #100 STROUSE, Permille J., b. 1863, d. 1925
Clifton, b. 1891, d. 1912

Lot #101 HOUGH, Dillman F., b. Aug. 15, 1872, d. Feb. 5, 1890

Lot #102 EMPTY

Lot #103 NEAL, Infant sons of C. and M.B., b. June 10, 1878, and Nov. 22, 1879

Lot #104 MOTZFELT, Grandfather Wm., d. Jan. 13, 1893, ae 79y, 28d
Sarah, wife of W., d. Jan. 28, 1883, ae 73y, 10m, 18d

Lot #105 MUTZFIELD, L., d. Jan. 13, 1888, ae 42y, 2m, 15d
A. Poehis, d. Jan. 20, 1883, ae 16y, 3m, 22d
Catherine L., wife of L., d. Oct. 18, 1878, ae 23y, 11m, 3d

Lot #106 HEBEL, Grandma, b. 1806, d. 1888
John, b. 1837, d. 1876
Mary E., his wife, b. 1832, d. 1916

Lot #107 CASEY, Jane R., b. 1866, d. 1931
James D., b. 1863, d. 1933
Harriette S. (Foster), wife of James R., b. 1844, d. 1874

Lot #108 PETERSON, Amy E., wife of Henry C., b. 1858, d. 1927
Henry Clay, b. Oct. 10, 1842, d. June 20, 1906, Co.I. 89th I.V.I.
Sareh E. (Blossom), his wife, b. Mar. 7, 1848, d. May 22, 1874

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Section C (con't.)

Lot #108 PETERSON, (con't.)
James, his son, b. Feb. 7, 1877, d. July 30, 1877
Jessie A., dau. of H.C. and S.E., b. 1874, d. 1924
Behind Henry - military stone, CPL. H.C. Peterson, Co.I. 99 Ind. Inf.

Lot #109 DANCER, Wilson S., b. 1842, d. 1901
Mary E., b. 1855, d. 1908

Lot #109 MOUDY, Verda (Dancer), b. 1875, d. 1970

Lot #110 EMPTY

Lot #111 McCRORY, James, b. 1839, d. 1881
Amanda, his wife, b. 1848, d. 1907

Lot #111 MORR, Daisy E., wife of L., b. 1878, d. 1900

Lot #112 PROSSER, Mary, wife of Wm., d. Sept. 24, 1896, ae 88y
John, d. Oct. 19, 1861, ae 22y, 4d
Alfred, d. Mar. 3, 1853, ae 2m
Wm., d. May 9, 1881, ae 78y, 7m, 27d

Lot #113 LOCKWOOD, Irven, b. 1844, d. 1897
Father
Mary E., b. 1843, d. 1919
Mother
Lot #114 Irvin, d. Mar. 6, 1894, ae 49y, 11m, 24d
Emil, b. 1879, d. 1879
Carrie, b. 1871, d. 1959

Lot #115 ASKEW, I.N., d. Mar. 6, 1890, ae 66y, 17d
Rebecca, b. Sept. 17, 1834, d. Dec. 5, 1928

Lot #32 MOORE, Florence, dau. of J.H. and C.E., d. Apr. 26, 1863, ae 2y, 9m, 9d
Capt. John H., Co.A. 100 Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf., d. Oct. 1, 1864 of wounds received at the Battle of Atlanta, Sept. 2, 1864, interred at Marieta, GA, ae 31y, 6m, 6d
Paulina Ellen, wife of J.H., d. Apr. 12, 1872, ae 35y, 8m, 13d

Lot #32 McKAY, Mary P., dau. of J.W. and M., b. Nov. 15, 1876, d. Dec. 21, 1884, ae 8y, 1m, 6d

Lot #33 NICHOLS, Jacob T., Co.K. 157 Ind. Inf., Spanish American War, b. Aug. 18, 1874, d. Mar. 9, 1944

Lot #33 PALMER, Anthony, Co.D. 142 Ind. Inf.

Lot #34 AMSTUTZ, Magdalene, wife of C., d. Jan. 21, 1892, ae 63y, 3m, 4d
Mother
Christian, d. Nov. 27, 1873, ae 67y, 8m, 24d
Father
Emma, dau. of C. and M., d. Dec. 17, 1884, ae 19y, 7m, 29d

Lot #34 DULL, Mary M., b. 1859, d. 1935
William, b. 1856, d. 1942

Lot #35 WEEKS, John C., Co.H. 30 Ind. Inf., d. May 25, 1879, ae 43y, 7m, 14d
Lydia A., his wife, May 25, 1909, ae 64y, 3m, 22d

Lot #36 OPEN

SCHROEDER, JULIA A. HULL	1900 - Jan. 11, 1980	(Krider)	7
SCHROEDER, SADIE VIRGINIA MURPHY	Ohio, Nov. 6, 1871 - Jan. 12, 1949 Andrew (Krider)		5
*SCHOWE-GROSS, CLARA	See: Clara Gross		-
SCHROEDER, ANDREW L.	1865 - 1944	Sadie	5
SCHROEDER, JOHN	1852 - 1904		8
SCHROEDER, JOHN D.	1852 - 1904		8
SCHWINDLER-MONROE, CLARA	See: Clara Monroe		-
SCOTT GROUP	Harriet, Horace, Warren, Wayne		11
SCOTT, HARRIET H.	1899 - --	Rebeka lodge	11
SCOTT, HORACE HONTZ	1899 - 1957	I.O.O.F	11
SCOTT, INFANT OF	(Sonday: Boyd & Ingeba Cramer - Dec. 24, 1915)		er
SCOTT, KENNETH C.	1911 - 1971	Ruby	1
SCOTT, ROBERT C.	1904 - 1976		•11
SCOTT, RUBY	1921 - --	Kenneth	1
SCOTT, WARREN	-Dec. 15, 1925-	Wayne	11
SCOTT, WAYNE	-Dec. 15, 1925-	Warren	11
SEEGER GROUP	Henry, Georg, Christina, Adam, Edith		5
SEEGER, ADAM	May 31, 1823 - Feb. 6, 1891		5
SEEGER, CHRISTINA	Dec. 10, 1819 - May 28, 1904		5
SEEGER, EDITH A.	1888 - 1980		5
SEEGER, GEORG	Dec. 25, 1857 - Mar. 19, 1891		5
SEEGER, HENRY J.	1886 - 1958		5
SEFTON GROUP	G. Clifton, Emma, Jay, Hazel		3
SEFTON GROUP	Fay, Virginia, Marie, Kenneth Sefton; Louisa Davis		11
SEFTON, EARLINE E.	1924 - --	Wm. R.	2
SEFTON, EMMA K.	1861 - 1945	Clifton	3
SEFTON, FAY C.	1907 - 1979	Virginia	11
SEFTON, LT. G. CLIFTON	1918 - 1979	Emma	3
SEFTON, HAZEL I.	1892 - --	Jay	3
SEFTON, JAY L. 'KINK'	1894 - 1975	Hazel m. Jan.21, 1915	3
SEFTON, KENNETH W.	May 1, 1903 - --	Marie m. July 11, 1925	11
SEFTON, MARIE E.	Sept. 6, 1903 - --	Kenneth	11
SEFTON, VIRGINIA V.	1916 - --	Fay	11
SEFTON, WILLIAM R. B. GEN.	1920 - 1976	Earline	2
SETZLER, BETTY ANN	1943 - 1969	Hazel - Leon Dau.	1
SETZLER, HAZEL	1907 - --	Betty - Leon Mother	1
SETZLER, LEON	d. 1952 internment at Clyde, Ohio Betty - Hazel		1
SEXTON, HERMAN L.	1904 - --	Mary	9
SEXTON, MARY A.	1906 - 1983	Herman	9
SHANK, FRED M.	1867 - 1937		9
SHANNON, ARTIE M.	1880 - 1910	wife T., Thelma	8
SHANNON, THELMA M.	Dec. 22, 1898 - Mar. 23, 1901	2Y 3M 1d Dau. of T. & A.M.	8
SHARP, GEORGE E.	1869 - 1939	Viola	9
SHARP, GRANT F.	1871 - 1943	wife Mable	9
SHARP, MABEL G. ULREY	Oct. 24, 1880 - Apr. 29, 1928	Grant (Chalfant, father Eli Ulrey)	9
SHARP, VIOLA E.	1876 - 1938	George	9
SHAUL, CHARLES	1880 - 1927		6
SHAUL, ESTEL RUSSELL	Jan. 1, 1919 - July 12, 1973	next Martha Indiana: T. Sgt. U.S.Airforce WW 2 & Korea	6
SHAUL, MARTHA L.	1917 - 1931	Estel small stone flat on ground	6
SHAW, MARY	(Sonday: 1838 - Mar. 10, 1907)		er
SHEADEL GROUP	Infant, Amanda, Martha, Levi, Horace, Eva		4
SHEADEL, AMANDA FLECK	1884 - 1945		4
SHEADEL, EVA F.	1892 - 1925	wife of Roy	4
SHEADEL, HORACE M.	blank		4
SHEADEL, INFANT	Oct. 15, 1896		4
SHEADEL, LEVI B.	Pa., June 19, 1854 - June 29, 1925 (Sonday: m. Levi)		4
SHEADEL, MARTHA MC DUFFEE	Feb. 20, 1858 - Sept. 23, 1930	(Sonday: m. Levi; dau. of James & Amanda Cooper)	4
SHEETS, BLANCHE M.	1907 - 1960	Rachel - Harold	1

SHEETS, HAROLD F.	1905 - 1982 Blanche - Rachel	1
SHEETS, RACHEL E.	1906 - 1980 Blanche - Harold	1
SHEFFER, DAMON T.	1911 - 1971 Kathryn	3
SHEFFER, KATHRYN L.	1914 - 1980 Damon	3
SHELDON GROUP	Floyd, Mary, Lawrence, Almina, Cyrus	9
SHELDON, ALMINA JOHNSON	1855 - 1930 (Sonday: Aug. 16, 1858 - Jan. 24, 1930, dau. of Benj. & Lettie Zolman	9
SHELDON, CARL R.	1916 - -- Donna m. Dec. 18, 1943	1
SHELDON, CYRUS ALPHONSO	Ohio, Jan. 22, 1860 - Apr. 15, 1944 (Krider	9
SHELDON, DONNA M.	1922 - -- Carl	1
SHELDON, FLORENCE E. HENDRICKSON	Feb. 7, 1888 - Mar. 13, 1969 (Krider) Montford	3
SHELDON, FLOYD	1889 - 1923 (Sonday: Sept. 24, 1891 - Feb. 23, 1923)	9
SHELDON, FRANK H.	Oct. 12, 1891 - Mar. 13, 1959 Leona (Krider)	11
SHELDON, INFANT OF	(Krider: Owen & Luella, June 28, 1950)	er
SHELDON, LAWRENCE M.	Dec. 11, 1885 - Aug. 25, 1916 (Sonday: son of Cyrus & Almina)	9
SHELDON, LEONA	Apr. 9, 1897 - Jan. 13, 1925 (Sonday: Samantha Leona Hawn: dau. of Marion & Isabelle Bentz)	11
SHELDON, MARY ANN	1887 - 1913 (Sonday: Nov. 6, 1897 - Aug. 30, 1913; dau. of Cyrus & Almina)	9
SHELDON, MONTFORD U.	May 7, 1883 - July 19, 1945 Florence (Krider: son of Cyrus & Almina)	3
SHELDON, RALPH EUGENE	May 29, 1926 - Aug. 23, 1951 Indiana: Pfc. 1988 Suc Comd Unit - WW 2 (Krider: son of Montford & Florence)	3
SHELINE, GLENN A.	1887 - 1981 Melissa	11
SHELINE, MELISSA	1881 - 1969 Glenn	11
SHELTON, JOHN	1918 - 1966 Lonnie	1
SHELTON, LONNIE	1920 - 1979 (Yolanda Rockstroh) John	1
SHEPHERD GROUP	E.Marie, Revella, Mary A., Larry	1
SHEPHERD, E. MARIE	1916 - -- Revella Mother	1
SHEPHERD, LARRY ELMAR	July 5, 1944 - Nov. 24, 1964 Mary m. Apr. 11, 1964 (Krider)	1
SHEPHERD, MARY ANN SLAGLE	Sept. 23, 1944 - Nov. 26, 1964 Larry (Krider)	1
SHEPHERD, REVELLA L.	1914 - -- Marie Father	1
SHEPLER, FRANK	1893 - 1952 Gladys	9
SHEPLER, GLADYS SHARP	1900 - 1977 Frank	9
SHERMAN, DAWN	Apr. 16 - Dec. 24, 1967	7
SHERMAN, EDNA M.	1915 - 1969 Virgil	1
SHERMAN, ELIZABETH J.	1894 - -- George	4
SHERMAN, GEORGE W.	Nebraska, Aug. 15, 1887 - Jan. 13, 1956 Elizabeth (Sonday: Horace & Elmira Deth)	4
SHERMAN, TIMOTHY	Babyland name only	7
SHERMAN, VERNON DALE	-1911- Son of C.W. & E.J., with HILL Gr.	4
SHERMAN, VIRGIL C.	1912 - 1963 Edna	1
SHERWOOD, CLAUDE V.	1911 - -- Velda	1
SHERWOOD, VELDA M.	1913 - -- Claude	1
SHILLING, ALBERT B.	1864 - 1930 David - Elizabeth	4
SHILLING, CHARLES B.	1865 - 1940	9
SHILLING, DAVID	Oct. 25, 1882 - wife Elizabeth, Albert 49Y 5M 18d	4
SHILLING, ELIZABETH UPDEGRAPH	Pa., Jan. 3, 1839 - May 5, 1917 78Y 4M 1d wife of David; Albert (Sonday: Schilling)	4
SHILLING, FREDERICK	1875 - June 9, 1929 Jessie - India (Mungovan: 54Y)	8
SHILLING, INDIA BEATRICE	Apr. 6, 1899 - July 28, 1900 F. & J.M.	8
SHILLING, JESSIE M.	Noble Co., Oct. 15, 1874 - Apr. 6, 1944 Frederick - Indiana (Mungovan)	8
SHIVE-DANCER, JENNIE	See: Jennie Dancer	-
SHIVELY, ALLEN	Oct. 24, 1909 - Aug. 18, 1971 Crystal	1
SHIVELY, CRYSTAL	May 30, 1913 - -- Allen	1
SHIVELY, MONA MYRTLE KRIDER	May 25, 1909 - June 22, 1958	3
SHIVELY, RALPH L.	1910 - -- Mona	3

TURNBULL, HARRY M.	(Sonday: 1889 - 1911)	er
TURNBULL, HENRY LEWIS	(Sonday: Nov. 18, 1850 - Jan. 4, 1929 son of John & Elizabeth Boly)	er
TURNBULL, JOHN W.	Dec. 16, 1879 15Y 8M 29d son of L & S	4
TURNBULL, L V.	July 5, 1886 7M son of E & S; with W.F.	6
TURNBULL, LEWIS	Dec. 16, 1879 49Y 4M 11d Sarah	4
TURNBULL, MARIA WITHAM	1858 - Sept. 6, 1909 Eli - Frank (Sonday)	6
TURNBULL-MILLER, MARY ELIZABETH	See: Mary Miller	-
TURNBULL-MILLER, MARY L.	See: Mary L. Miller	-
TURNBULL, ROBERT	Dec. 16, 1879 27Y 2M 5d son of L & S	4
TURNBULL, SARAH	Dec. 10, 1912 80Y 8M Lewis	4
TURNBULL, W. F.	July 5, 1886 3Y 11d Son of E & S: L.V.	6
TURNER GROUP	Marguerite, William, Harry	8
TURNER, CHARLES E.	1871 - 1953 Sadie	6
TURNER, E. FAY	1884 - -- Harry	8
TURNER, EDMOND J.	1908 - 1927 Max	4
TURNER, HARRY GARLAND	Dec. 23, 1905 - Nov. 12, 1908 son of H.M. & E.F. (Peltier: 2Y 10M 10d)	8
TURNER, HARRY M.	1879 - 1959 Fay	8
TURNER-JOHNSON, MARGARET	See: Margaret Johnson	-
TURNER, MARGUERITE G. HARDY	Feb. 18, 1908 - Jan. 7 1956 HARDY on front of monument	8
TURNER, MAX W.	1910 - 1913 Edmond	4
TURNER, SADIE E.	1873 - 1944 Charles	6
TURNER, WM. CLYDE	Dec. 27, 1910 4d (Peltier)	8
TURNER, WILLIAM G.	Dec. 23, 1910 50Y Harry	8
TYLER - REPP GROUP	Ada & Frank Tyler; Vivian & Varlis Repp	9
TYLER-MILLER, ABBIGAL	See: Abbigal Miller	-
TYLER, ADA G.	Ocola, Ohio, Mar. 20, 1876 - Mar. 5, 1948 Frank (Sloan: Washington Doty, Va; & Mary Foley, Va.)	9
TYLER, CAROLINE RAPP	1865 - 1887	4
TYLER, CLARA R.	1840 - Jan. 23, 1923 wife of James (Mugovan: 83Y 1M 24d)	4
TYLER, FRANK BERTRAN	Mar. 14, 1872 - Mar. 17, 1943 Ada (Sloan: James & Clara Bringham)	9
TYLER, ICABOD	Dec. 15, 1857 16Y 8M 22d with Louisa children of Samuel & Allaline	4
TYLER, JAMES S.	1933 - 1905 wife Clara Indiana: Sgt. Co. F., 88th Inf.	4
TYLER, LOUISA	Feb. 9, 1858 24Y 11M 21d with Icabod	4
TYLER, MARY JANE	(Klaehn: Richland Co., Ohio, Oct. 10, 1830 Oct. 10, 1914, ch. of John Orndorf & Barbara Stewart)	er
TYLER, SAMUEL	Apr. 29, 1859 58Y	4
UHL-MORRIS, ELEANOR	See: Eleanor Morris	-
ULREY, BLANCHE B. BURWELL	Laud, Oct. 31, 1887 - July 6, 1976 (Krider)	9
ULREY, EUGENE	7M 25d ch. of J & M	4
ULREY, JENNIE	4Y 11M 5d ch. J & M.	4
ULREY, JESSIE	2M 23d ch. of J & M.	4
ULREY-SHARP, MABEL	See: Mabel Sharp	-
UPDEGRAPH-SHILLING, ELIZABETH	See; Elizabeth Shilling	-
UPSEL, MARGARET	June 22, 1869 30Y 27d wife of H.	4
UPSEL, SOLOMON	Apr. 24, 1858 2M 29d son of H & M	4
URDANOFF, NINA M.	1899 - 1973 Triffon Mother	11
URDANOFF, TRIFFON	1894 - 1968 Nina Father	11
URSCHEL, HELEN M.	1925 - 1971 Jack	1
URSCHEL, JACK	1910 - -- Helen	1
VALENTINE GROUP	James, Janet Parks Valentine, Mary, John	5
VALENTINE, BESSIE	1884 - 1918	6
VALENTINE, CHARLES L.	Nov. 10, 1865 9Y 6M 5d son of Jackson & Charlotte	4
VALENTINE, CHARLOTTE	1830 - 1876 wife of Jackson; John	4
VALENTINE, JACKSON	1824 - 1909 Charlotte - John	4
VALENTINE, JAMES J.	1883 - 1942	5
VALENTINE, JANET PARKS	1884 - 1937	5
VALENTINE, JOHN	Oct. 8, 1869 67Y 7M 4d	4
VALENTINE, JOHN W.	Sept. 16, 1851 - Mar. 7, 1928 (Sonday: Mary Hyatt; son of Jackson & Mary Greenwalt)	5

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Adam Shilling	February 11, 1792	October 17, 1881
Adam Shilling	Abt. 1856	March 25, 1934
Adam E Shilling	November 14, 1876	June 03, 1903
Barbara Shilling		
Barbara Anna Shilling	1821	
Blanche Shilling	June 17, 1873	July 04, 1945
Bonnie Shilling	September 14, 1900	March 15, 1961
Carl Sylvester Shilling	October 08, 1881	March 19, 1951
Carol Shilling		
Catherine Shilling		
Catherine Shilling	February 20, 1814	
Cecil Guy Shilling	April 05, 1880	August 24, 1961
Clarinda Adaline Shilling	Abt. 1841	
Daniel Shilling		
Daniel Shilling	February 04, 1828	
Daniel Shilling	October 19, 1849	February 24, 1936
Donald Shilling		
Dora Shilling		
Edward Shilling		
Edward Shilling		
Edwin Eugene Shilling	November 08, 1875	December 09, 1925
Elizabeth Shilling	1826	
Elizabeth Ann Shilling	Abt. 1843	
Ettie Shilling		
Eulalia Florence Shilling	Abt. 1910	June 20, 1938
Eunice H Shilling	January 07, 1913	
Francis Shilling		
Frankie Shilling		1881
Hans Adam Shilling	1708	1796
Hiram E Shilling	Abt. 1860	September 13, 1894
Howard W Shilling		
Infant Shilling		
Isaac Newton Shilling	Abt. 1848	
Jacob Shilling		
Jacob Shilling		
Jacob Shilling		
James Howard Shilling	February 20, 1933	
Jerry Shilling		
John Shilling		
John Shilling		
John Shilling	September 1753	September 1804
John Shilling	1862	November 28, 1935
Joseph E Shilling	June 18, 1818	October 06, 1882
Josephus R Shilling	November 04, 1851	April 08, 1941
Laura Shilling		
Lela Shilling		
Lyman Benton Shilling	April 26, 1850	August 1921
Lynn Shilling		
Mae Leona Shilling	May 09, 1886	
Margaret Shilling		
Mary E Shilling	June 22, 1854	July 14, 1902
Mary Jane Shilling	Abt. 1845	
Mary Polly Shilling	February 01, 1819	September 19, 1896
Mike Shilling		
Paul Frederick Shilling	April 16, 1918	August 02, 1986
Peter Shilling		
Richard Shilling		

Name	Birth date	Death date
Richard Roth Shilling		
Roy E. Shilling	Abt. 1920	
Ruth Elizabeth Shilling	October 30, 1913	
Samuel Shilling		
Samuel H Shilling	October 16	March 06, 1943
Sarah A Shilling		
Solomon Shilling	March 15, 1823	September 02, 1902
Vienna L Shilling	1868	
William Shilling		

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Westlawn Cemtry/McKinley Mem. Park
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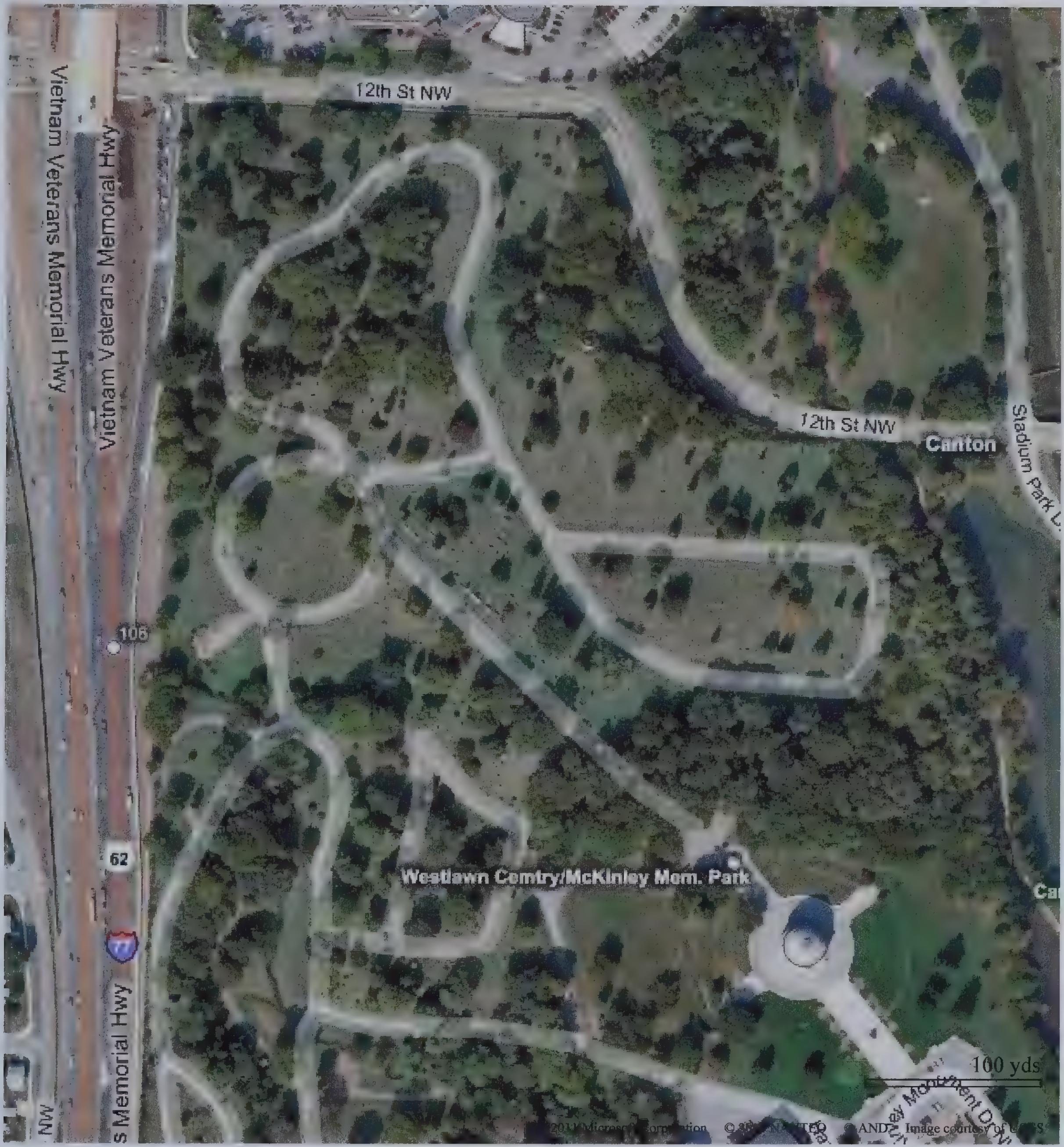
Westlawn Cemetery in Canton, Ohio. The Cemetery is very huge and could not get an aerial view of it that would cover the whole thing. Ignatius and Catherine (Rudy) Doll were buried in this cemetery. I do not know just which part you would find their tombstones. Perhaps we will be able to go there someday or at least get the inscription list so we would know where to locate their gravestones. Esther did not have a picture of their gravestones in her pictures. The close-up just gives us an idea what we will find at that cemetery.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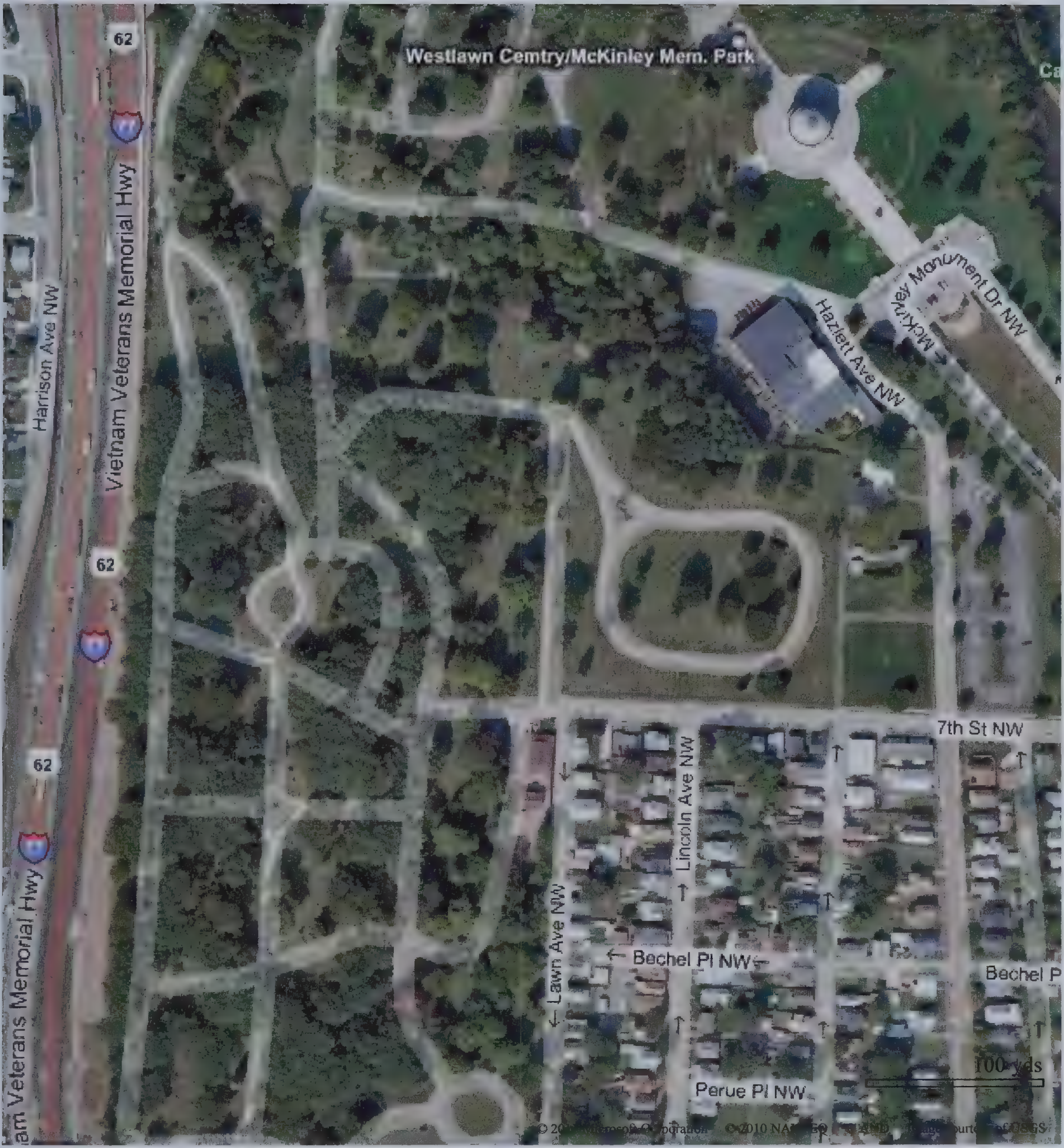
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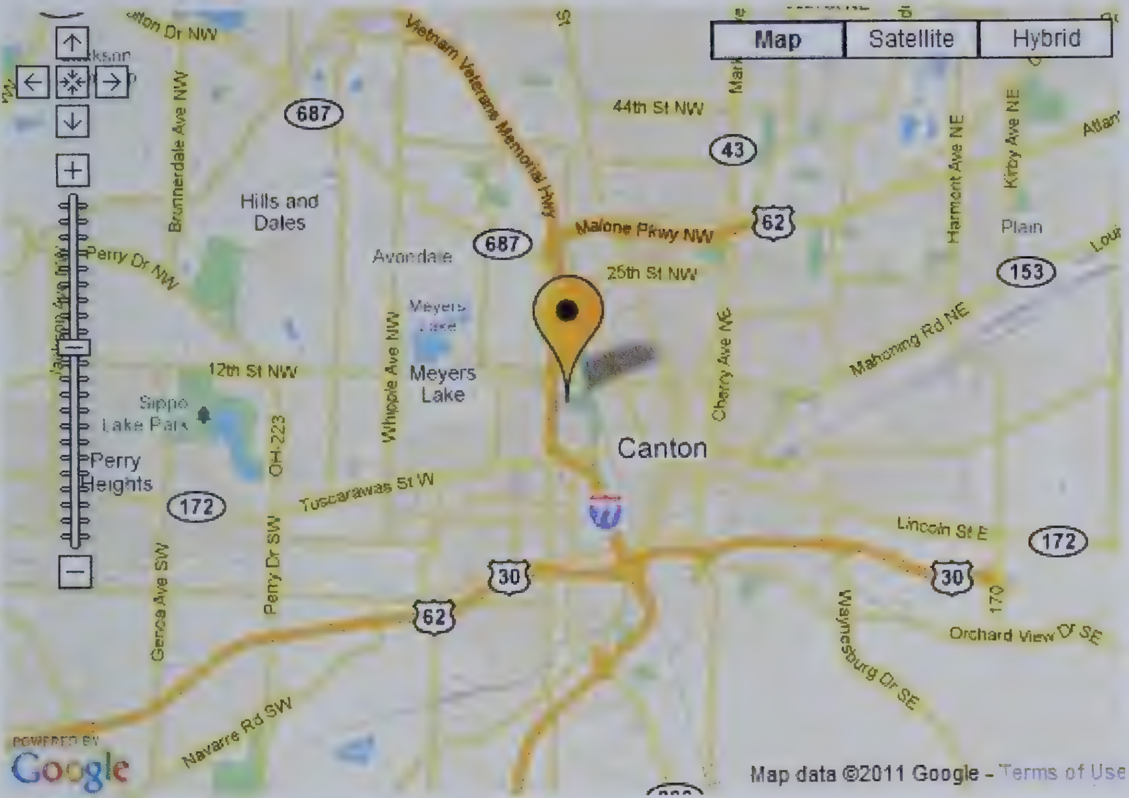
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West Lawn Cem. 1919 7th St. NW

HOWARD G. DOLL
DEATH INFORMATION

Birth date: estimated 1889
Male, white
Residence: Massillon, Stark Co., OH
Death Date: Nov. 25, 1972
Hospital: Massillon Community Hospital
County of death: Stark
Age at death: 83
Certificate # 089927
Certified by Physician
No autopsy
Widowed

not in FTM as yet

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Deaths and tributes

Betty Shilling

Betty C. Shilling, 75, of Ft. Wayne, died at 3:43 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2000 in her Gump Road home.

She was born Dec. 25, 1924 in Garrett to Walter C. and Mable Treesh.

She married Roy E. Shilling on October 20, 1942 in Garrett and he survives. She lived in Garrett for 38 years and was a homemaker.

Additional survivors include four daughters, Nancy Neufield and Carol Trussell, both of Lake George, Michigan, Laura Klotz of Churubusco and Arlene Carper of Ft. Wayne; three sons, Richard Shilling of Garrett, Allen Shilling and Jeffrey Shilling, both of Ft. Wayne; 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Melvin Treesh of Garrett and Robert T. Treesh of Ft. Wayne; and a sister, Florence Brown of Alabama.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Shilling.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 26 in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Richard Shilling will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to Parkview Hospice.

Services held for Betty Shilling

Funeral services were held Friday, May 26, 2000 in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett for Betty C. Shilling. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Pallbearers were Todd Vanderbosch, Josh Vanderbosch, Niles Klotz, Nathan Shilling,, Phil Clauss, Eric Shilling, Jim Stout and Travis Klotz. Memorials to Parkview Hospice.

BETTY C. SHILLING, 75, died Tuesday at her home. Born in Garrett, she was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Roy E.; four daughter, Nancy Neufield and Carol Trussell, both of Lake George, Mich., Laura Klotz of Churubusco and Arlene Carper of Fort Wayne; three sons, Richard of Garrett and Allen and Jeffrey, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Melvin Treesh of Garrett and Robert T. Treesh of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Florence Brown of Alabama. **Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.** Burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Memorials to Parkview Hospice.

Funeral Home

www.sheetsandchilds.net

LYNN "RED" SHILLING, 87, of Garrett died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Wayne. Surviving are his wife, Laura "Lolly" Shilling of Garrett; and daughter, Diana Thrush of Garrett. He was preceded in death by son-in-law, William Thrush; three brothers, DeWayne Shilling, Edward Shilling, and Roy Shilling; and half sister, Fern Amadean. **Service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Richard Shilling officiating. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.** Burial at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Marines and the American Legion Post 178 of Garrett. Memorials to St. Martin's Healthcare in Garrett. To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit *www.fellerandclark.com*

In Memory of

Grace M. Blacet

GOD hath not promised
  Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
  All our lives through;
God hath not promised
  Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
  Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
  Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
  Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
  Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
  Undying love.

Born

May 17, 1885

Passed Away

July 16, 1969

Services

Gordon-Shaidnagle
Hollinger
July 18, 1969

2:00 P.M.

Officiating Clergyman

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In Charge of Services

Gordon - Shaidnagle - Hollinger

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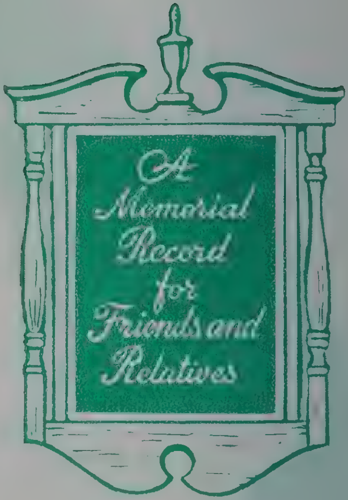

A Memorial Record for Friends and Relatives

George W Doll
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had a Grace Doll - no dates

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poss. as Howard was born 1889

Eel River Cemetery
Allen Co., IN

Corner of Carroll
and Madden Rds.

David Shilling
died Oct. 25, 1882
Age 49 years, 5 mo.
18 days
B.D. Abt. 5-7-1833

Elizabeth, wife of
David Shilling
died May 5, 1917
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10 days
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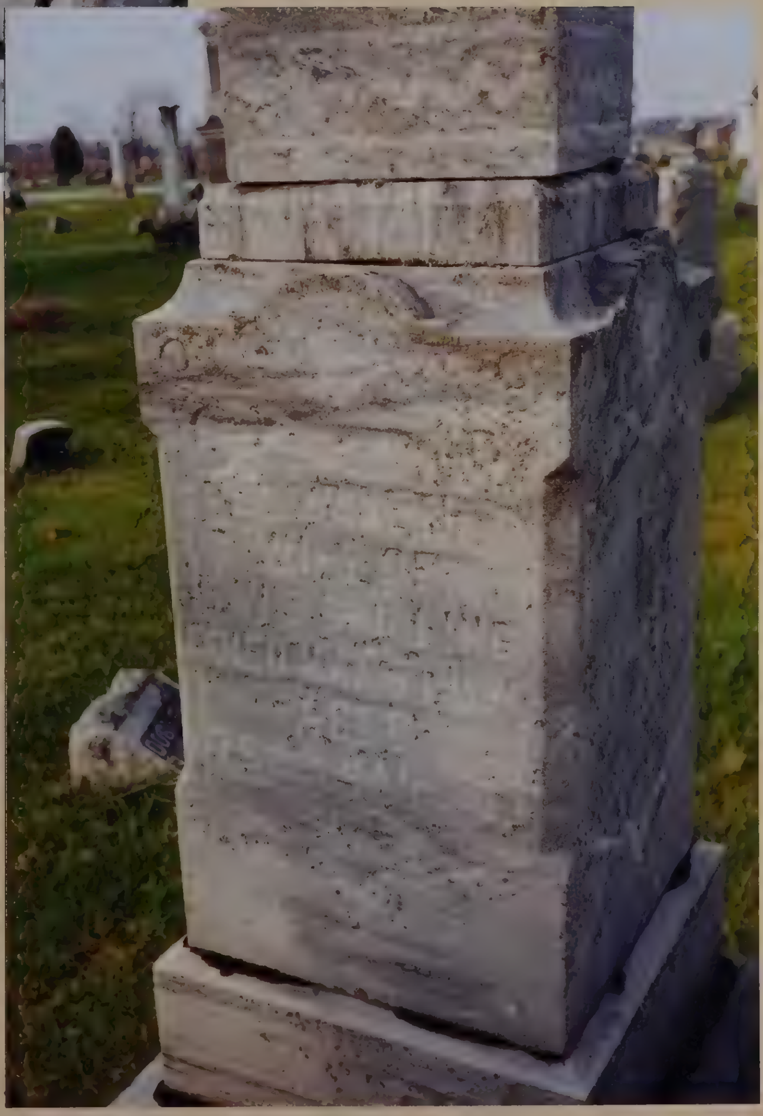

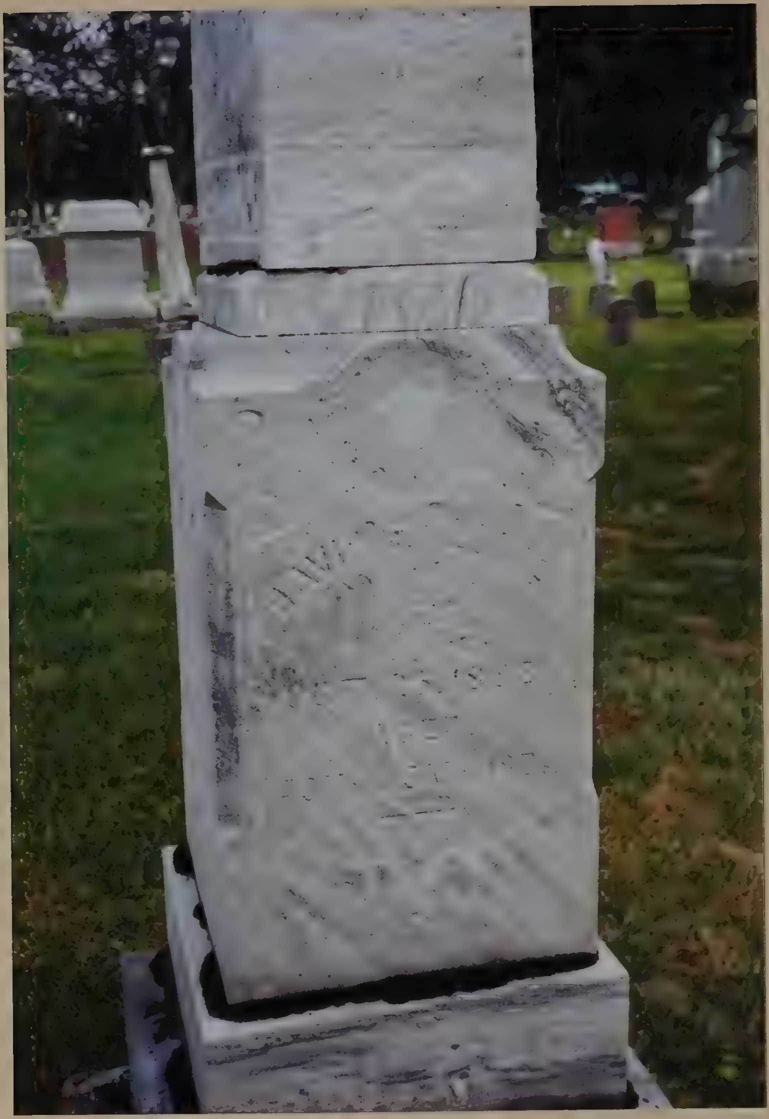

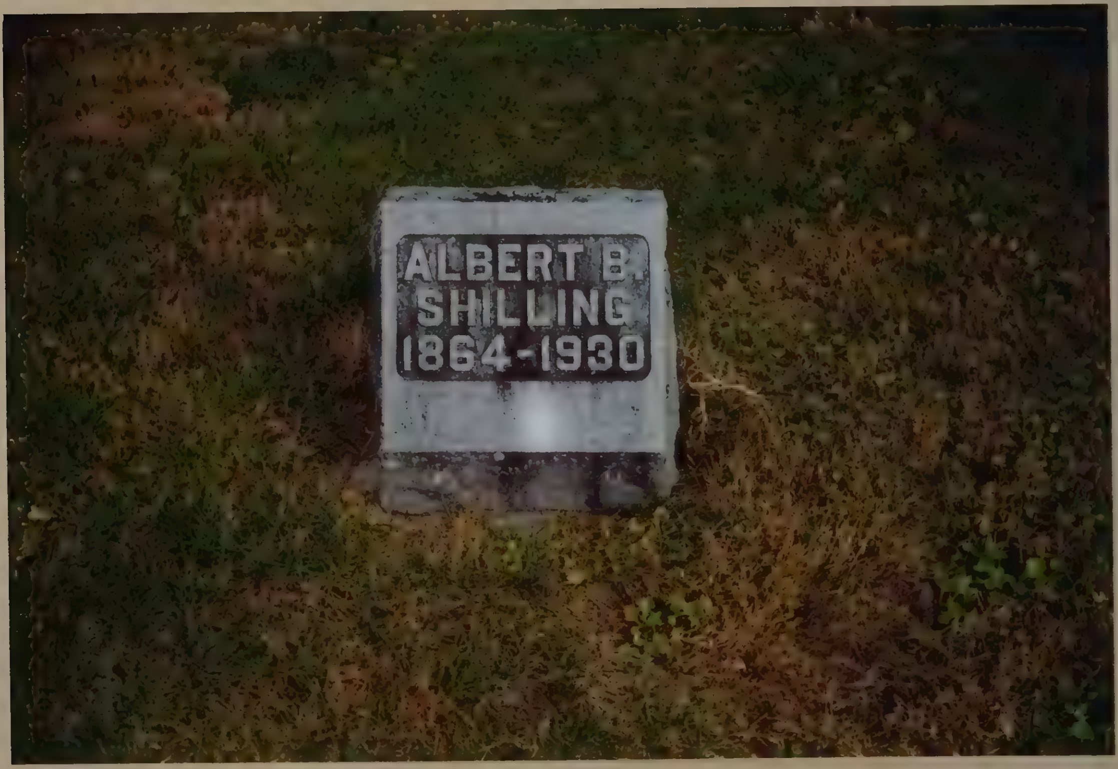
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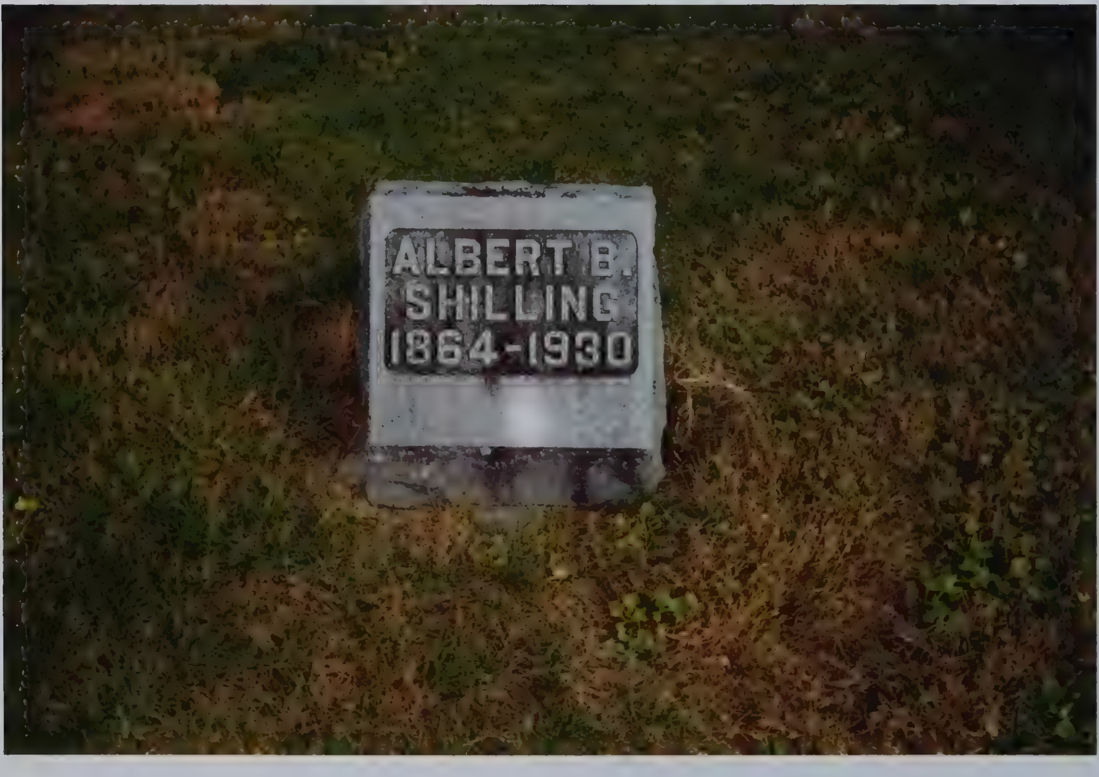
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	ZEIDER,	William H.	b 1866	d 1957
	YOUNGBLOOD,	John H. f.h.m. Zimmerman	b 1874	d 1957
	YOUNGBLOOD,	George f.h.m. Zimmerman	b 1873	d 1955
	DAWSON,	Lisa	b 1954	d 1955
	OLINGER,	Emmett L.	b 1902	d 1955
	HOLMES,	Virginia	b 1904	d 1962
	GETTS,	Irene SHILLING	b 1916	d 1983
	SHILLING,	Paul D. f.h.m. McKee	b 1916	d 1959
	SHILLING,	Donald D.	b 1946	d 1955
	AUSTIN,	Elenor f.h.m. McKee	b 1860	d 1954
	KRICK,	Clara B.	b 1885	d 1953
	BANKS,	Mason B. f.h.m. McKee	b 1953	d 1953
	HOFFMAN,	Infant f.h.m. McKee	b 1953	d 1953
	MCCONNELL,	Pearl E. f.h.m. McKee	b 1881	d 1952
	WAGNER,	Pearl J.	b 1881	d 1951
Row 13	DELAUDER,	L. Auldine	b 1924	d 1967
	PICKARD,	Calvin E. 10-4 Trucker	b 1925	d 1978
	HOWARD,	Earl S. SGT. US Army, Korea	b 1935	d 1964
	HARMON,	Rebecca Jean	b 1958	d 1963

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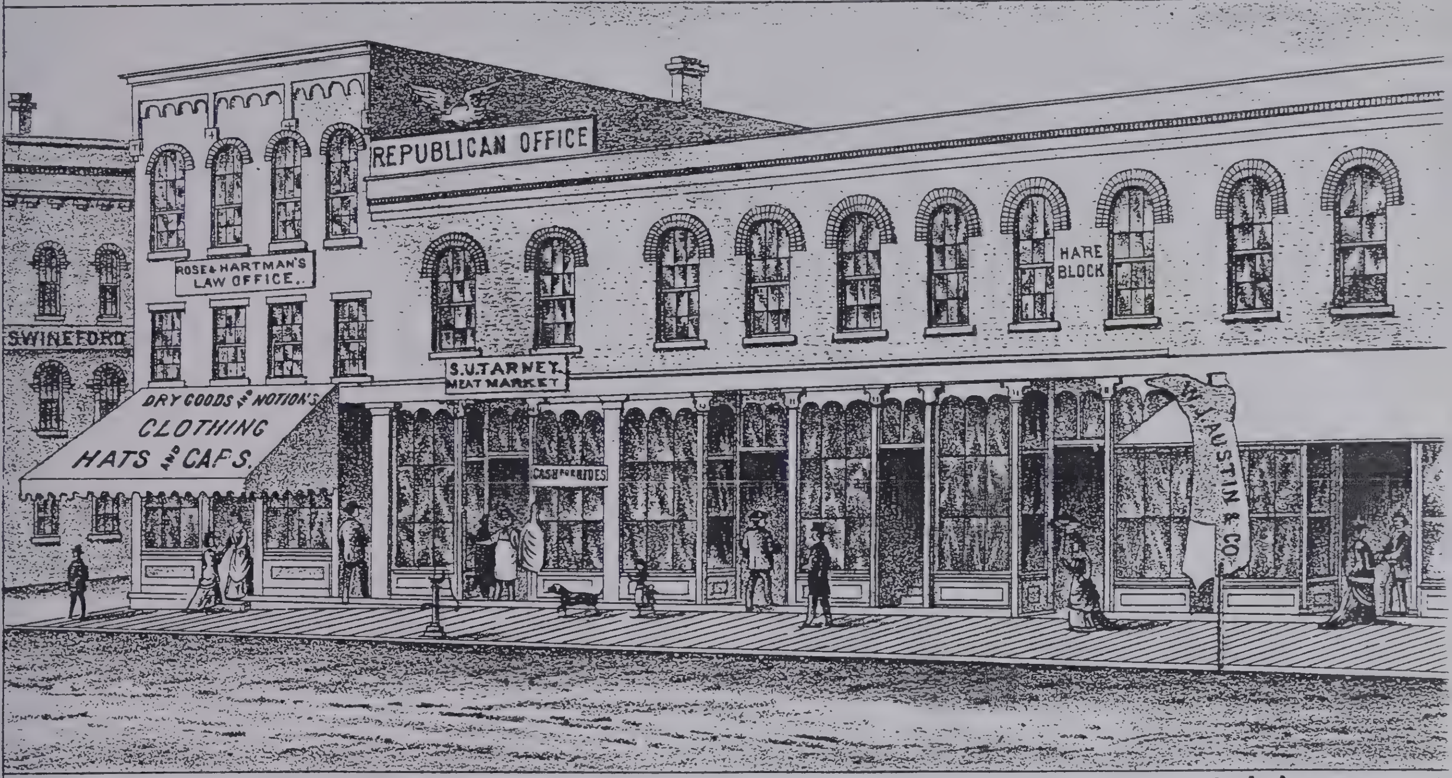
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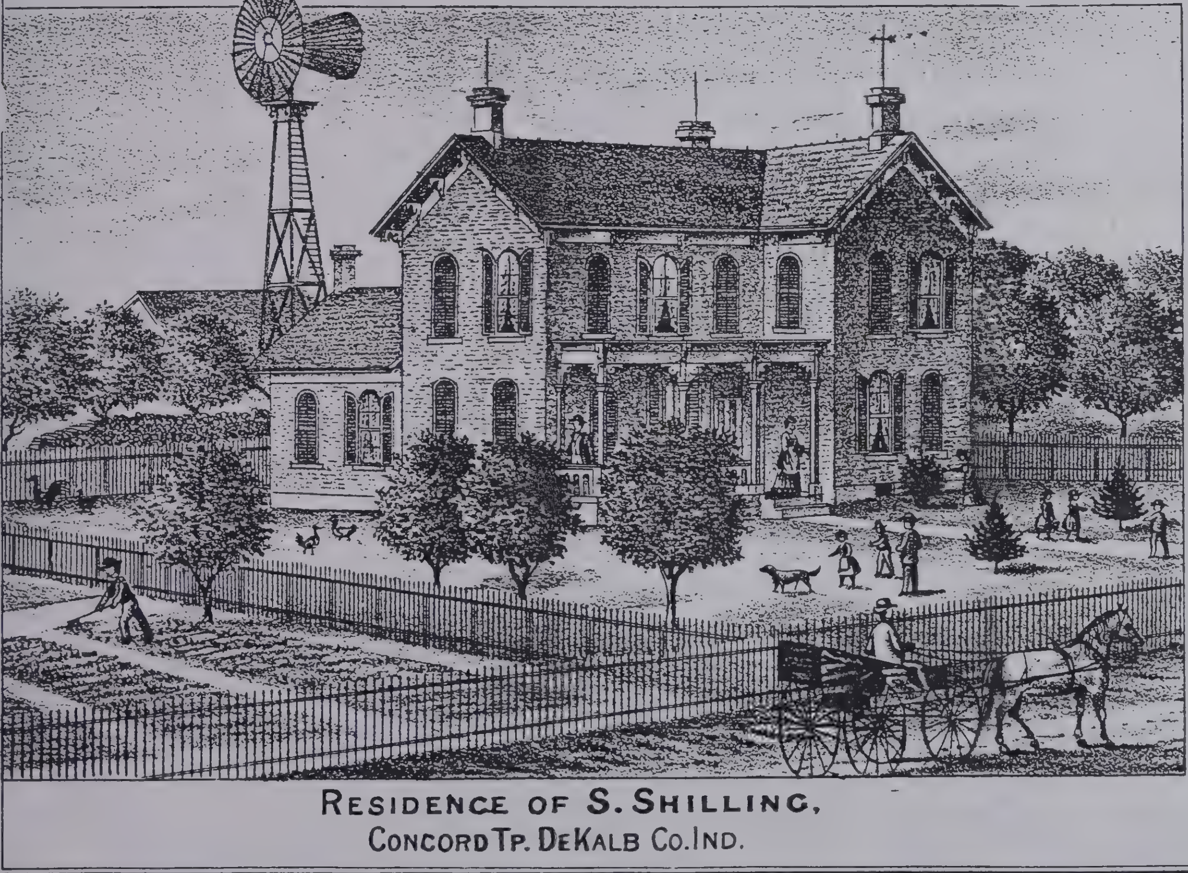

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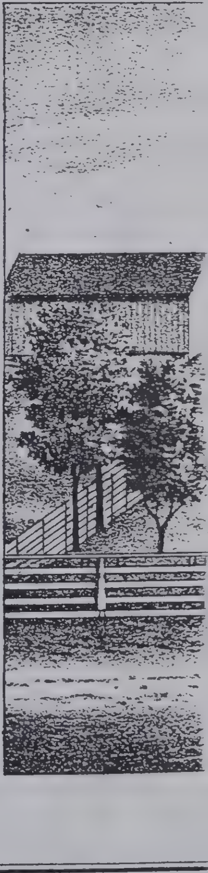

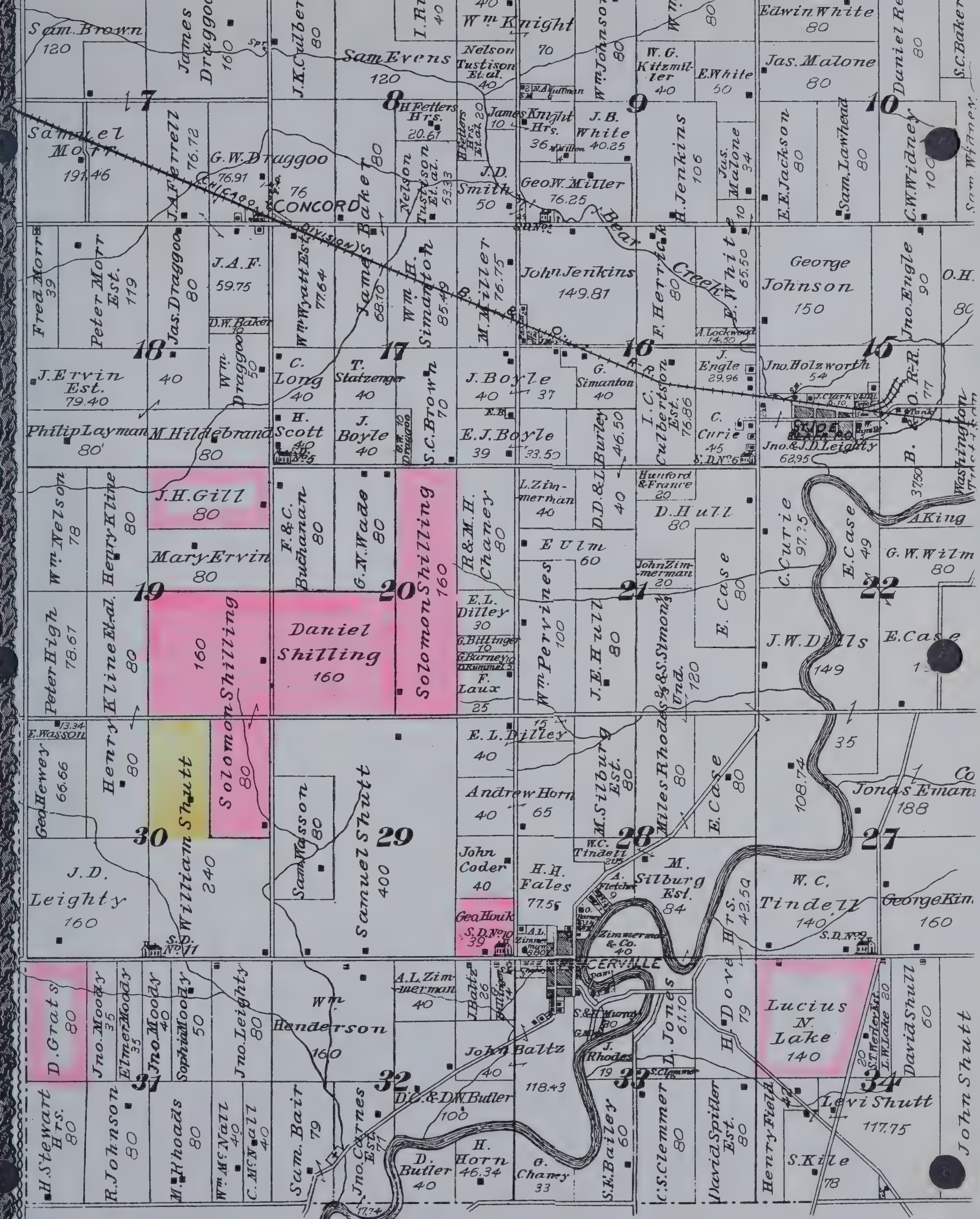
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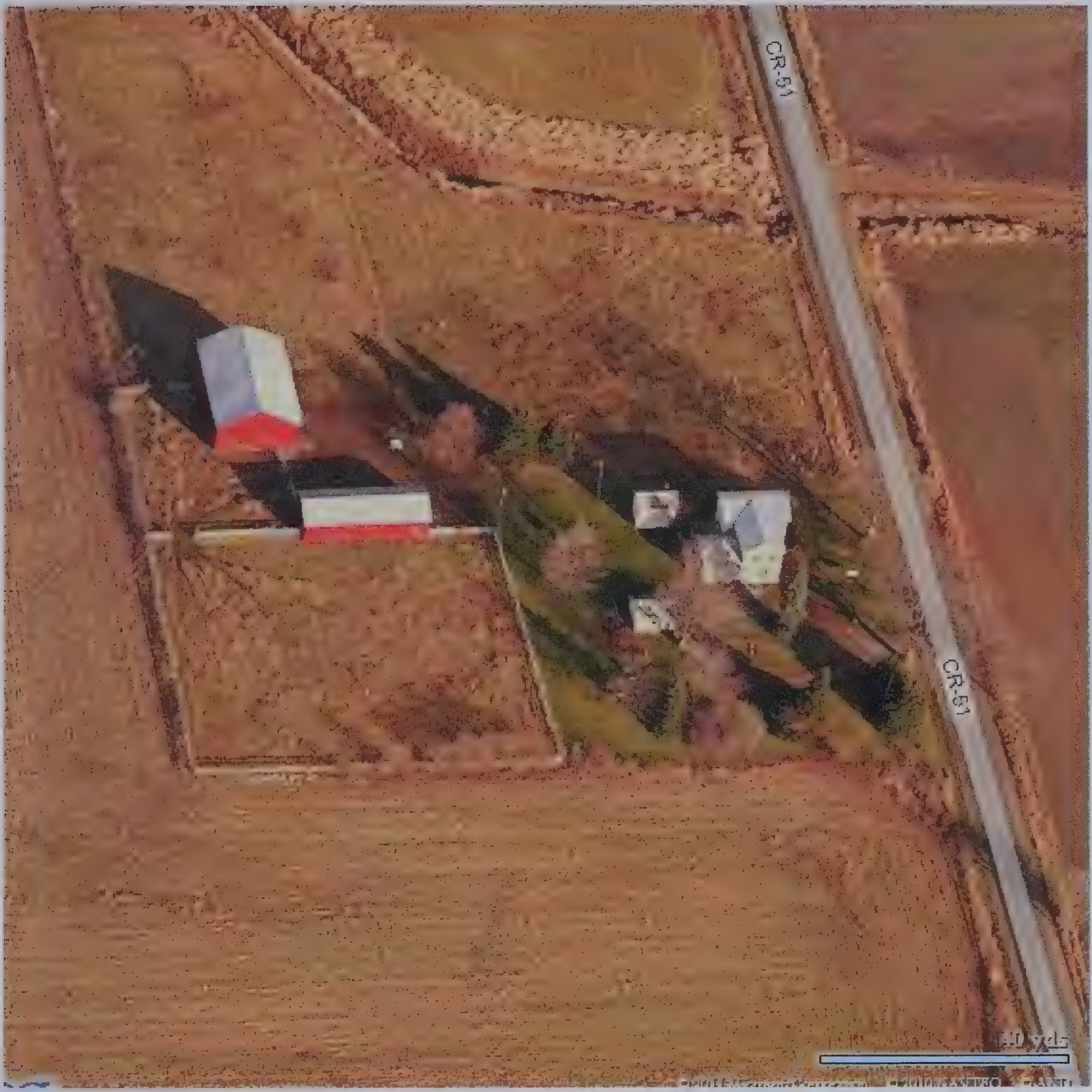
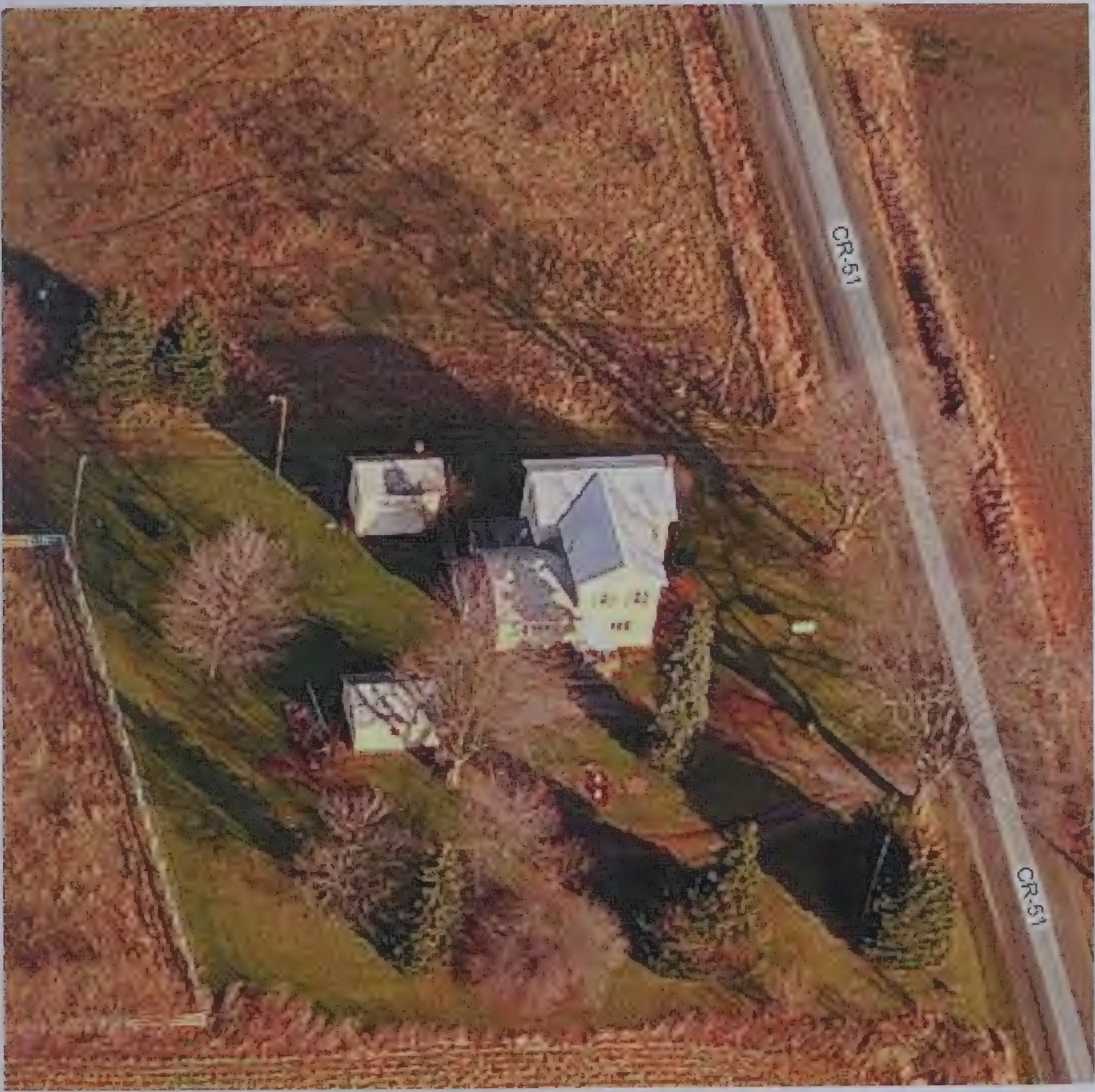
Shilling House

Original Homestead

John Doll Home



The Shilling farm near Spencerville, IN
The house looks very much like it did originally except that it was red brick in the beginning. For some years the shutters were missing, but they seem to have been returned to the house. Note the small white building behind the house which is the two-story summer kitchen.



The Solomon Shilling home on Road 51 in DeKalb Co., IN. It is near Spencerville. This was the home where Vienna Shilling Doll was raised and lived until she was married to John Doll. Solomon came to Indiana from Ohio with Esther Bliler, his wife, and built this home.

Concord Township

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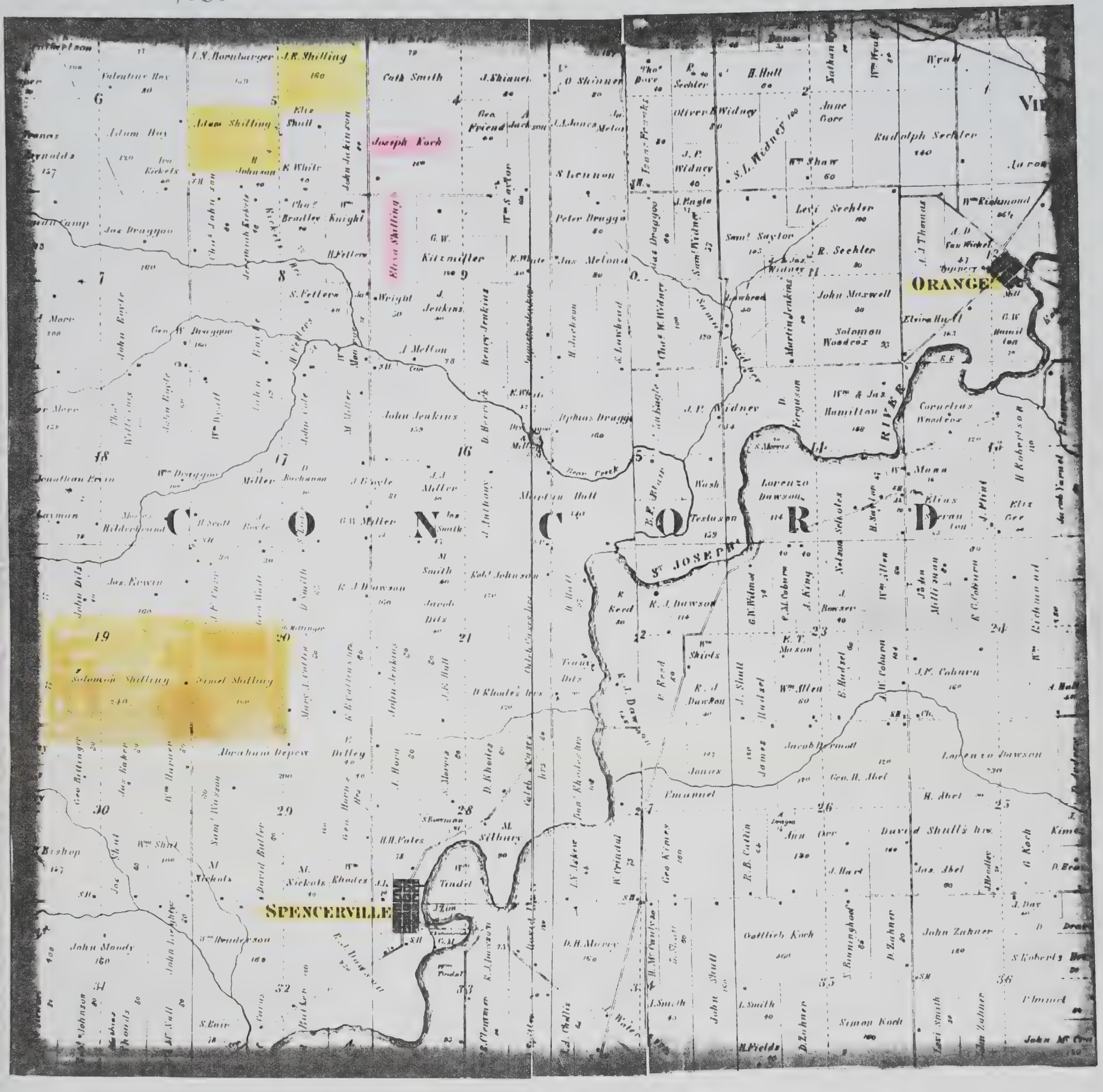

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John Maxwell
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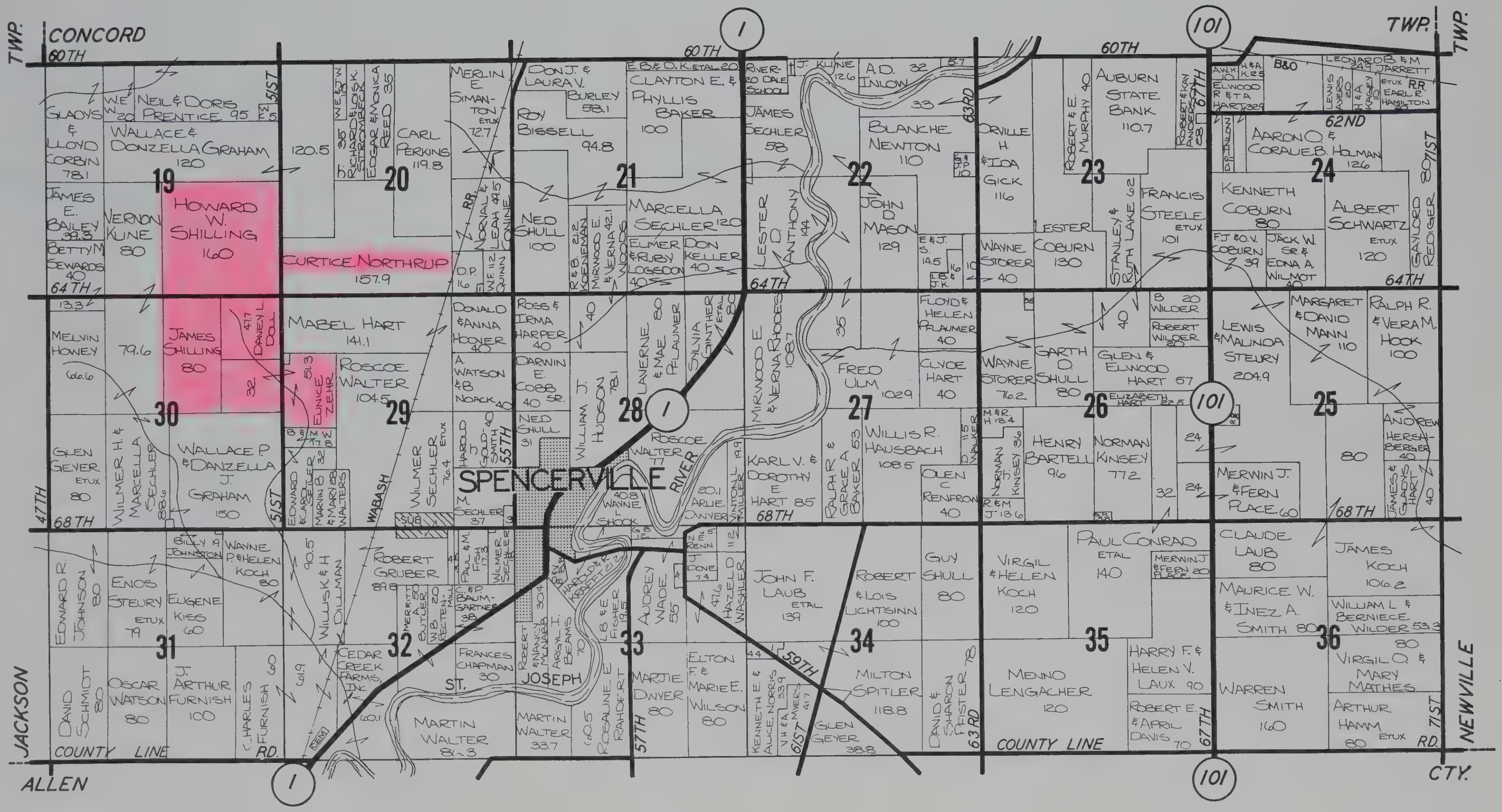
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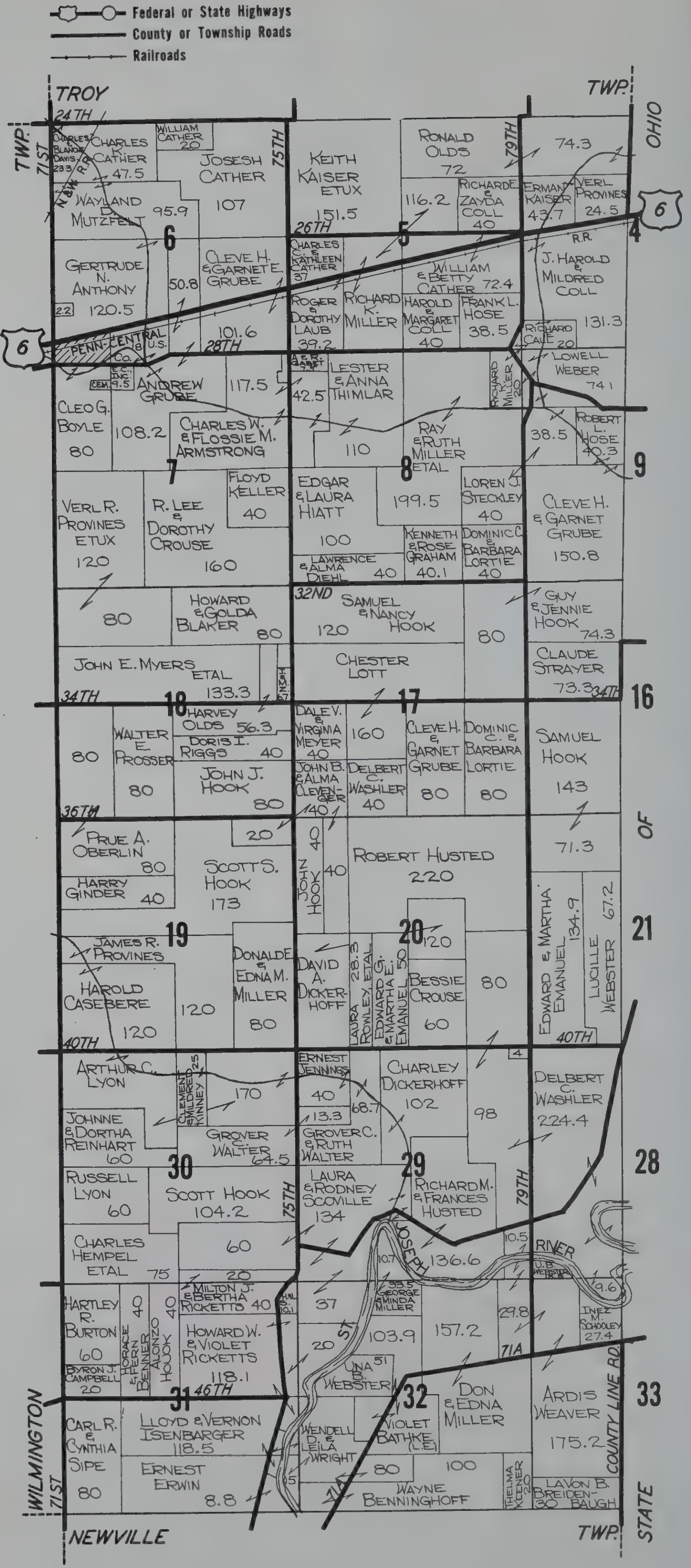
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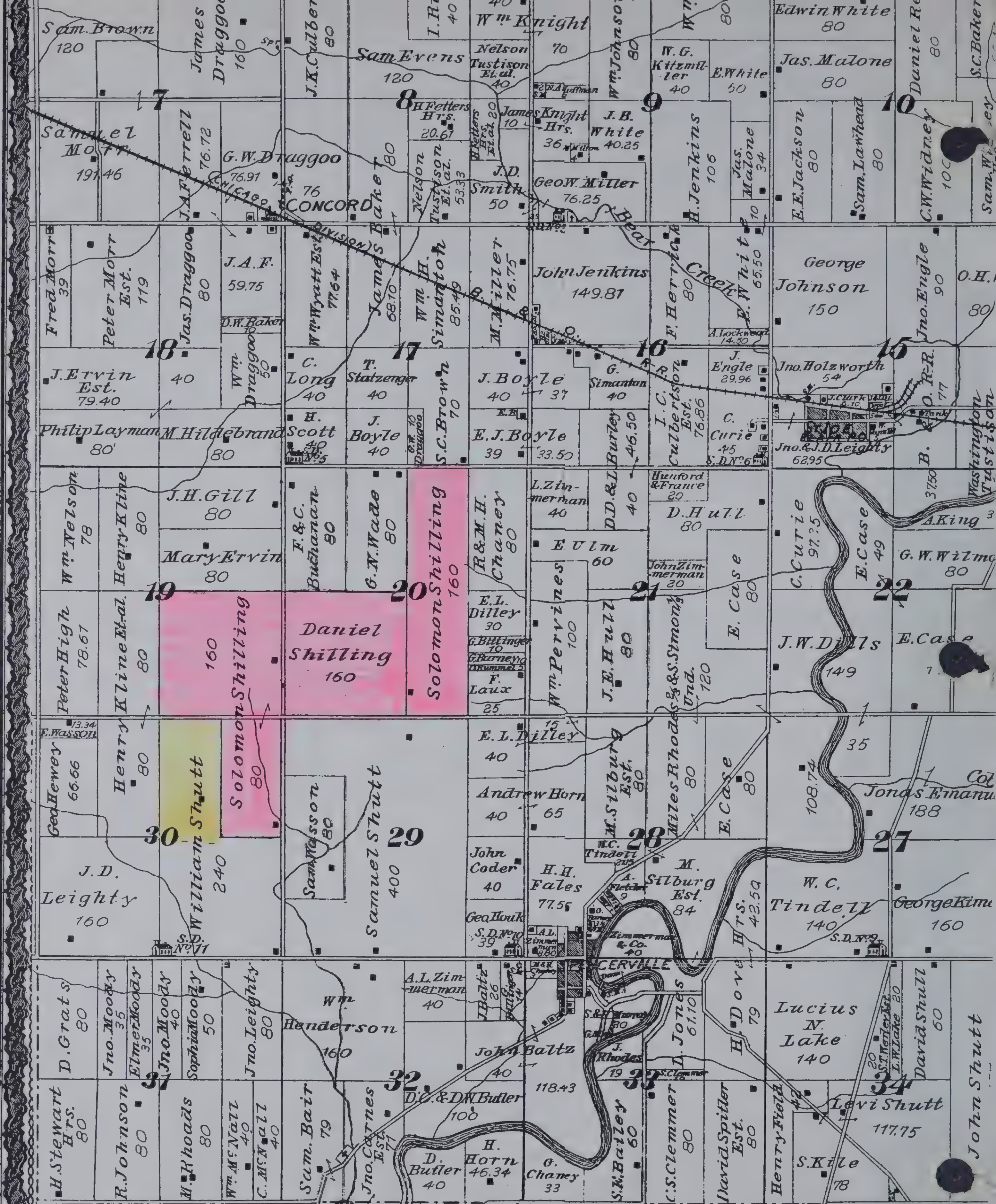
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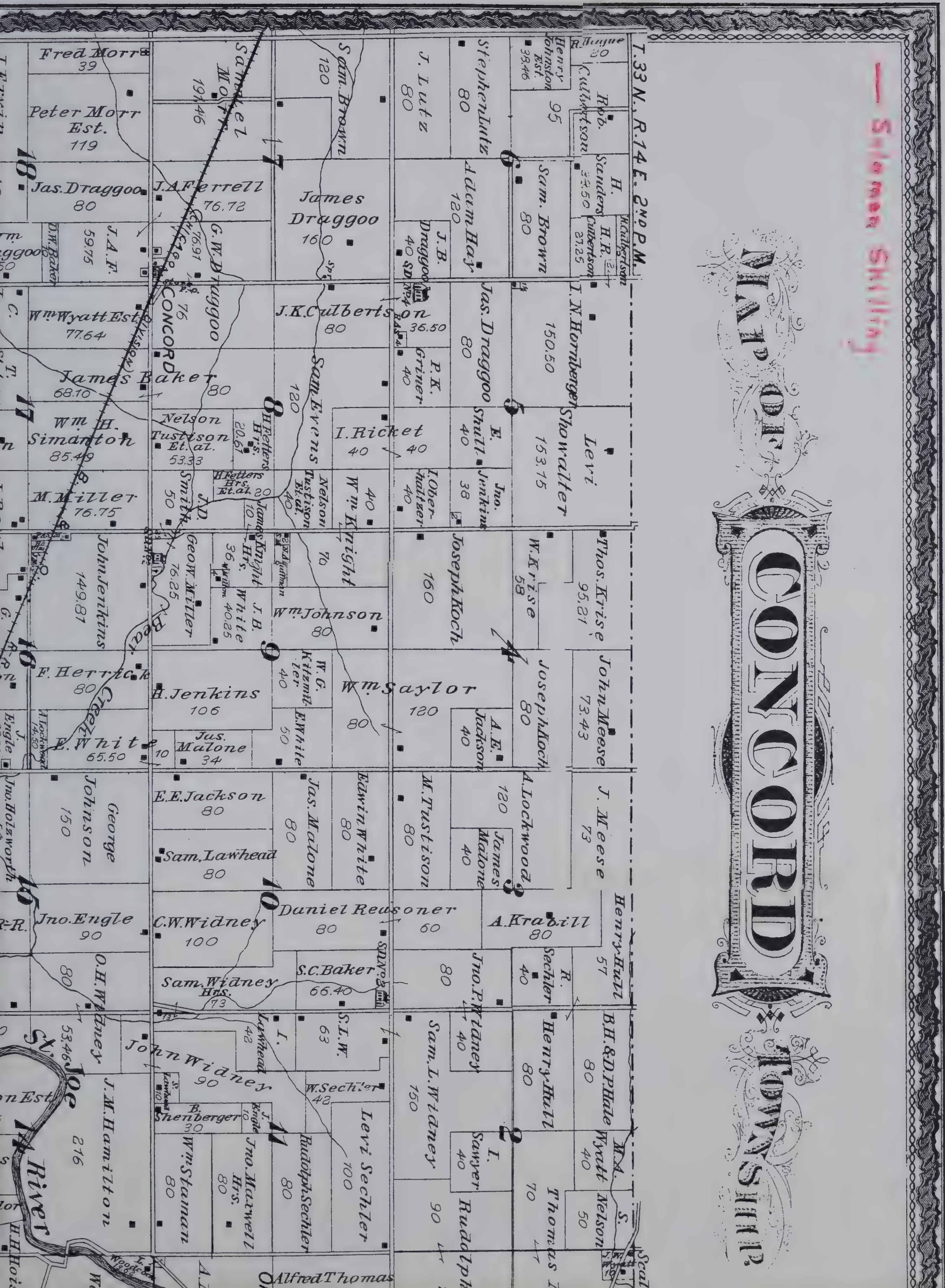
Shilling House
ORIGINAL Homestead

John Doll Home

Solomon Shilling

MAP OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP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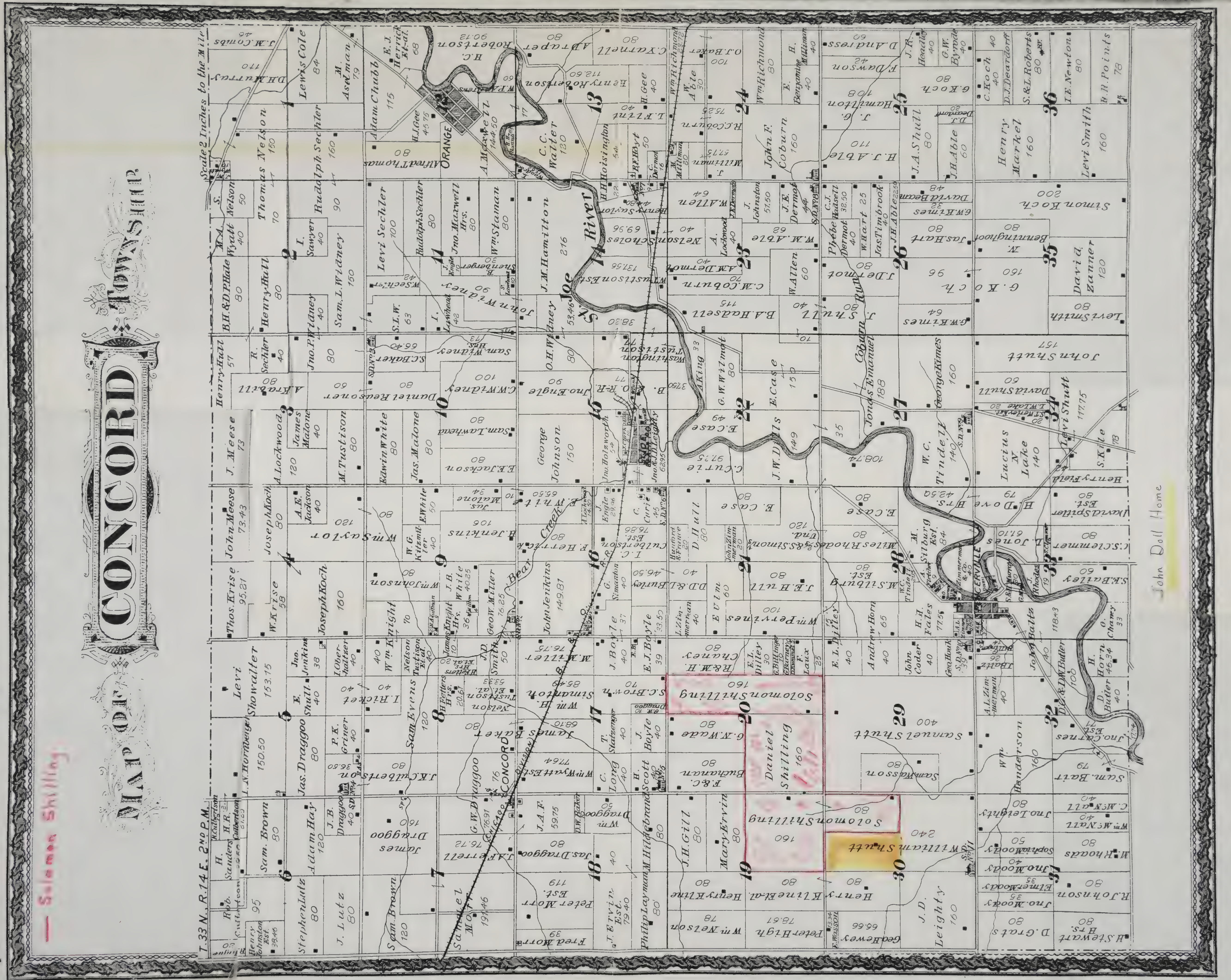
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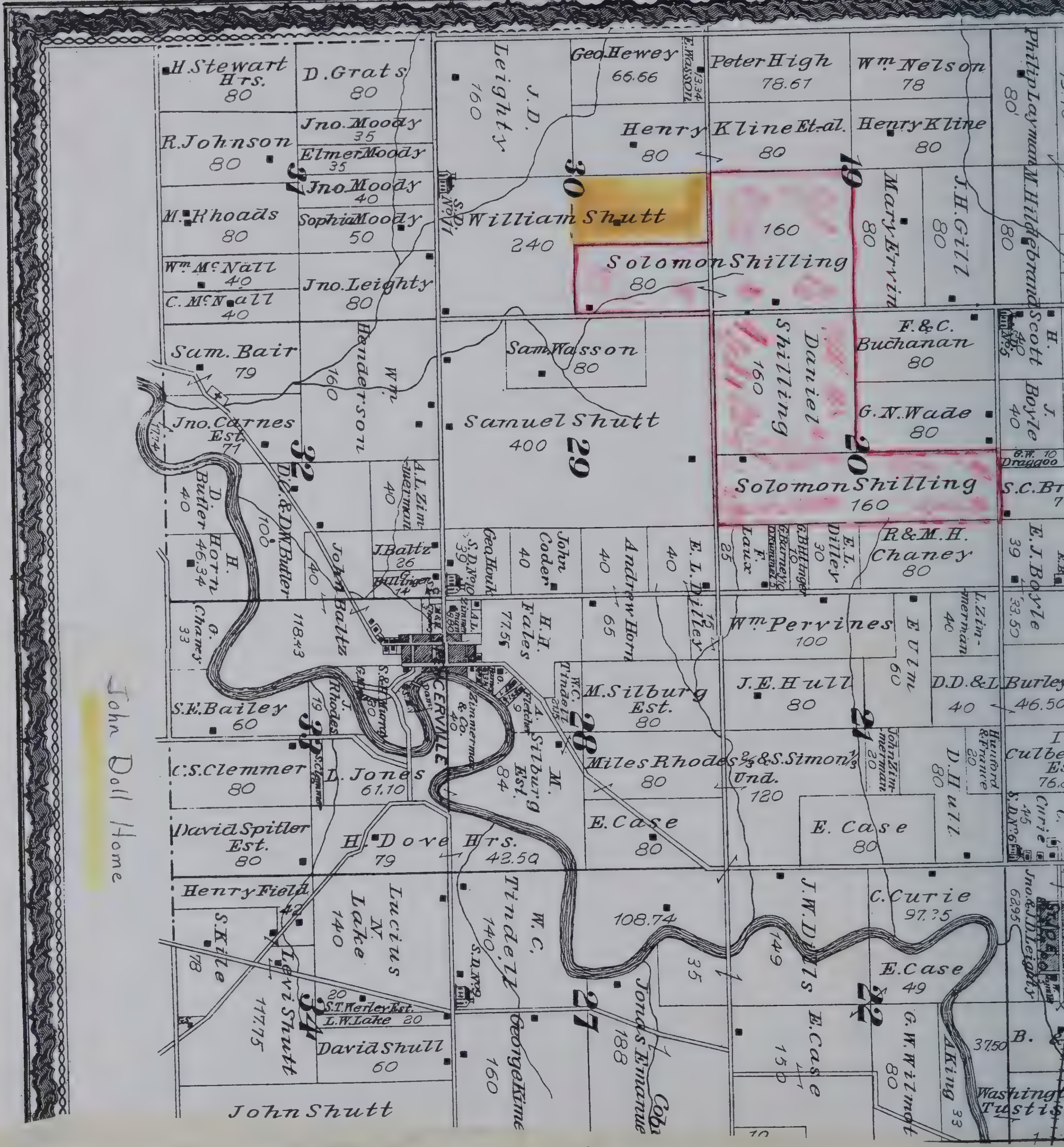
— Solomon Shilling

John Doll Home



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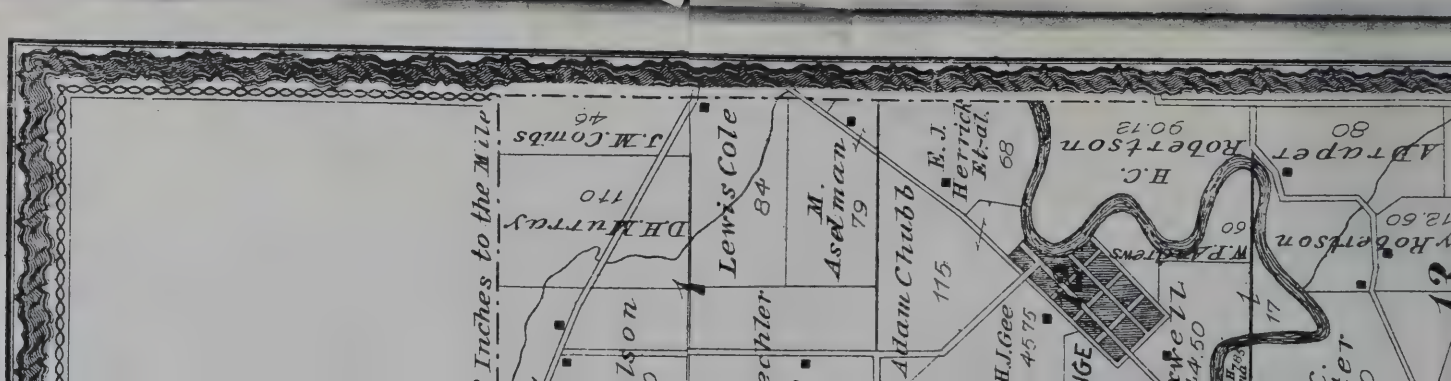
John Doll Home



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A. Traper 80
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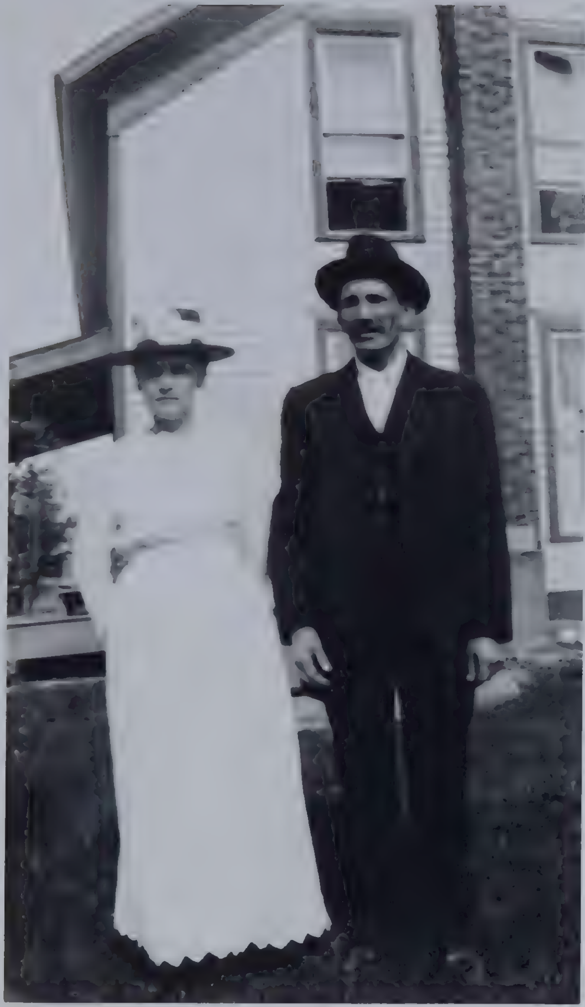
John Doll

John Doll and a load of
squash

John Doll

John Doll and a load of squash

John & Vienna Doll Farm
Close to Spencerville



← Vienna and John Doll
in front of their home
near Spencerville, Ind

Married 12-24-1895

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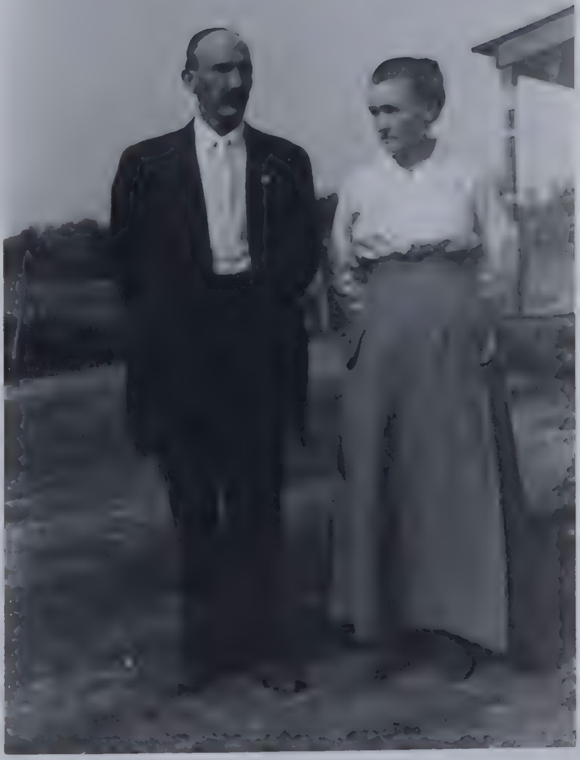
John's parents

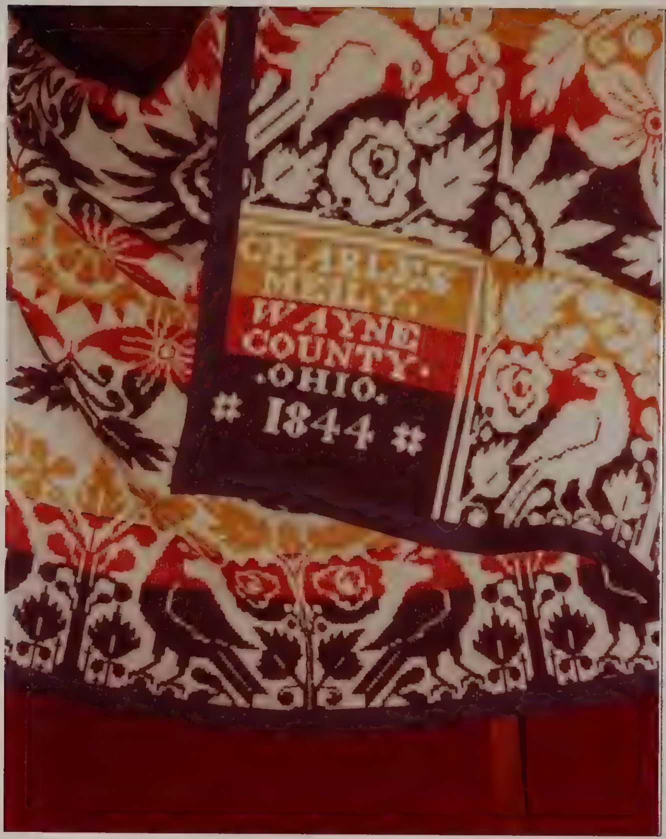
Ignatius & Catherine Doll
had a family of 5 children.
Moved to Canton, Ohio when John
was 3. (?) One account says he was born at East Greenville

In 1882 John went to Kent Co.,
Michigan and farmed until he
came to Spencerville to live with
relatives. Were the Shillings relatives? They came from Stark Co., Ohio

They settled on a piece of
land owned by Vienna's father
Solomon Shilling.

In Michigan John had a
bout with typhoid fever.




CHARLES
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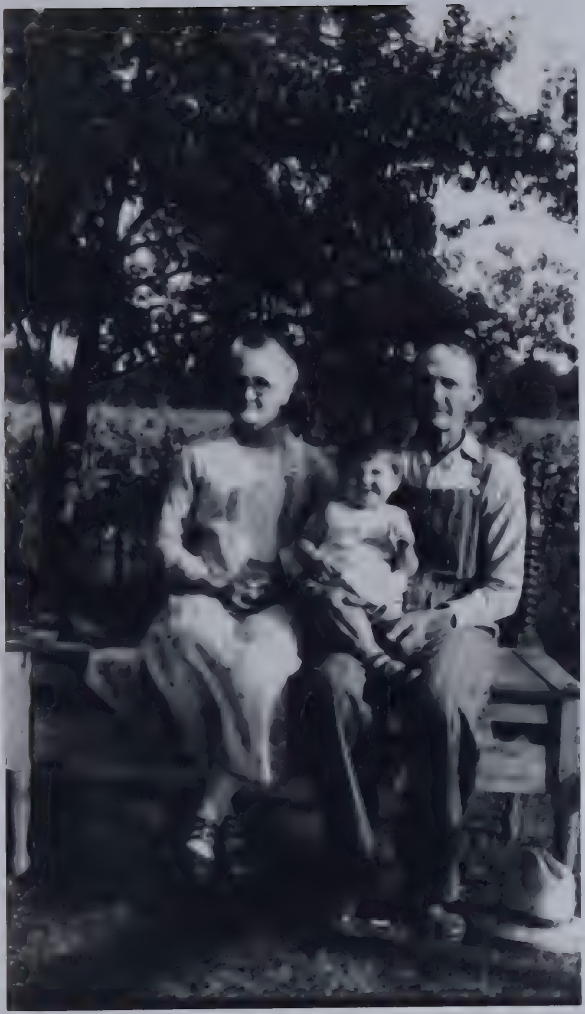
Coverlet passed down in Esther Fitcher family. Excellent condition!
Sister Josephine has another one.

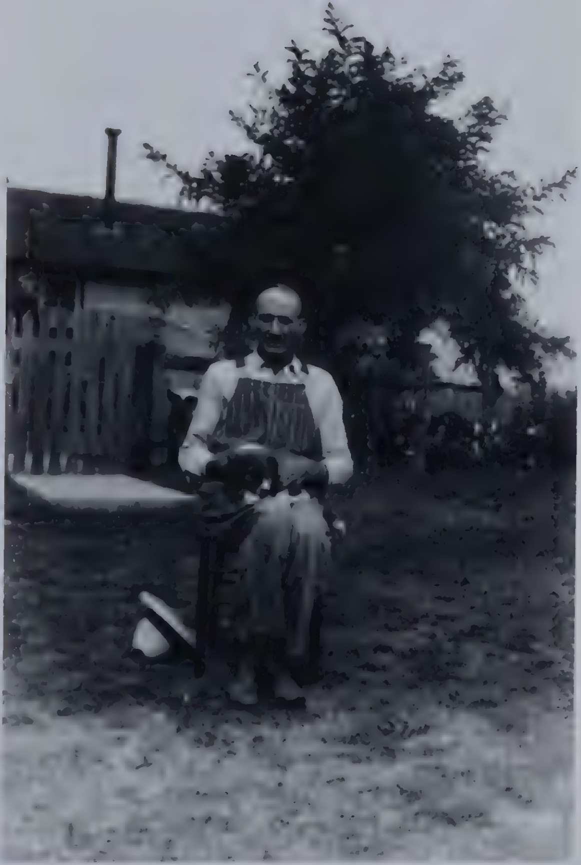
Made in Wayne Co. which is the County next to Stark where the Dollers, the Shillings and the Roans came from and maybe even the Rudys.

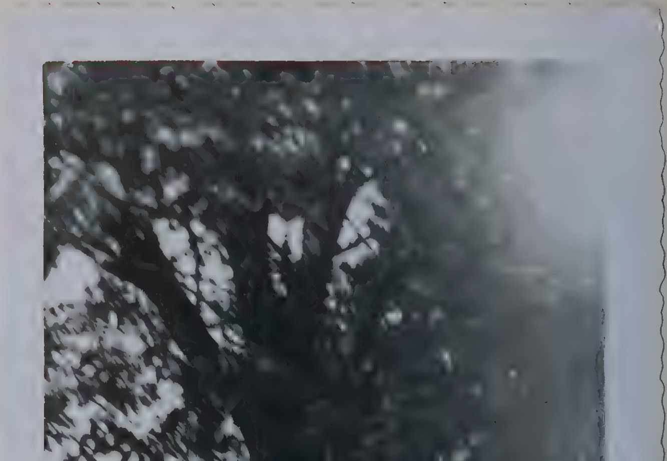
Believe they came from Ruth Hanamer. If so could have been made for the 2 sisters of Ignatius or perhaps for Catharine Rudy and a sister.



Vienna and John Doll
and Elsie

John Doll at his
farm home. Summer
kitchen is in the
back ground





Vienna (Shilling) Doll
and
gr grandaughter
Cathy Fitch 1952

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located 23 miles northeast of Fort Wayne on St. Rt. 1 to Spencerville, Ind. then west on C.R. no. 68, 1¼ miles to C.R. no. 51 then ½ mile north or 6 miles east of Auburn, Ind. on S.R. no. 8 to C.R. no. 51, then 4½ miles south or west of Hicksville, Ohio on Spencerville Road and C.R. no. 64 to C.R. no. 51, then ½ mi. south, on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 1974

Time 9:00 a.m.

TRUCK — 2 TRACTORS — COMBINE — MACHINERY

1966 Chevrolet truck, 6 cylinder, straight shift, overload springs, top box, in good condition; Oliver 77 Row Crop tractor, live PTO; Oliver 66 Row Crop tractor, live PTO; both tractors are in good condition. A.C. no. 66 All Crop combine, good; J.D. heavy duty wagon with implement tires; J and M gravity box; wheel weights; J.D. wagon with 14 ft. hay and grain rack; rubber tire wagon with 14 ft. hay and grain rack; Oliver 241 wheel disc, 9 ft., very good; 30 ft. hay and grain elevator with automatic lift; grain auger; New Idea no. 18 manure spreader, on rubber, excellent condition; 2-J.D. 2-14" pull type plows on rubber; J.D. 7 ft. semi-mount mower; Oliver 2 row cultivator; 13 hole J.D. grain drill on rubber; J.D. 290 corn planter; 2 wheel fertilizer or lime speader; 8 ft. spring tooth harrow; 2 sec. spike tooth harrow; J.D. subsoiler; 10 ft. single cultipacker; 2 sec. rotary hoe; mud boat; tractor umbrella and heat houser; J.D. 2 way hydraulic cylinder; air compressor; power tractor seeder.

MISCELLANEOUS

30 ft. aluminum ladder; 6 electric hog lamps; sheep care tools; sheep tatoo; 75 lb. no. 8 common nails and many other inc. No. 16's and No. 20's; Craftsman No. 100 8" table saw on bench; Craftsman jig saw on stand; McCulloch chain saw; miter saw; heavy vice; 8 tool boxes and tools; 1 h.p. 110 V. electric motor; 6 volt battery; Fairbanks platform scale; electric motors; hog and sheep feeders and waterers; loading chute; 5 ½"x4'x8' plywood; 14 gates, 6½ to 12 ft. long; 7 6½-ft. stock gates; 14 ft. metal gate; 7 gates 9 to 16 ft. long; 110 steel posts 5 ft. to 9 ft.; 55 wood posts; roll barb wire; 12 telephone cross arms; odd lumber; 68 drain tile 4" to 8"; 38 potato crates; cattle oiler; R.R. irons; stock tank heater; hand cart; steel traps; 2 garden hose; ropes and halters; tires and tubes; extension cords; 10 ft. tree trimmer; post driver; shop cupboards; log chain; martin houses; ladder jacks; electric bench ginder; boat oars; 12 ft. aluminum fishing boat; ice fishing clothes; Zebco reel; hip boots; lots of fishing equipment; fence charger; used 4' woven fence; 8' x 8' hog house; paint; new canvas; brushes and rollers; 26 patio blocks; 22 bu. baskets; feed sacks; plastic underground tubing; shovels, rakes and many hand tools.

ANTIQUES — PRIMITIVES — COLLECTIBLES

Shaker writing desk; 2 walnut bureaus; Victorian walnut spool bed; Victorian what-not shelf; Victorian folding rocking chair; parlor chair; walnut night stand; commode; walnut book shelves; large cherry wood chest with carved pulls; square stand; 2 kitchen clocks; Philco radio; trunk; davenport table; 2 rope bed posts; (spinning wheel, wheel;) (yarn winder) portable sewing machine, over 100 years old; strand of sleigh bells; other bells; 2 German bisque head dolls; German bisque doll; doll basket; 2 soap stone warmers; doll carriage; (copper kettle;) picture easel; many pictures and picture frames; DeKalb County History; DeKalb County Atlas; old magazines; and 1911 newspapers; Wilson heating stove; one other; baskets; stereoscope and cards; portable Victrola and records; rocker; cupboard top; 103 player piano rolls; buttons; childs chair; childs plate; childs shoes; high chair; pressed glass; 3 old plates; amber daisy and button toothpick holder; salt dips; sewing box; ox yoke, incomplete; books; rattle bones; violin and case; dinner bell, complete; clothes wringer; flat iron; hog scrapers; cow kickers; corn huskers; single trees; double trees; bridle bits; buggy lantern; gas lantern; ice skates; potato masher; butter paddle; kraut cutter; 5 gal. jug, old; crocks; 10 gal. churn; wood plane; walnut shop cupboards; 2 large iron kettles; 2 scythes; nail kegs; Johnson outboard motor; 4 milk cans; glass lid jars; 2 pulleys; buck saw.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS — MISC.

Dining room table, extends to 90" with formica top; hutch desk, like new; maple chest of drawers, like new; 4 maple end tables; cedar chest; Eureka upright sweeper, new; Filter Queen sweeper, tank type; small chest of drawers; 4 folding chairs; magazine rack; Noritake china for 8; vases; 2 deep fryers; G.E. iron; Broiler King; Arvin electric heater; electric kitchen clock; Johnson floor scrubber and waxer; 2 small radios; metal desk; duplicator; fireplace log; ice cream freezer; 2 lamps; 9 qt. canner; dishes and cooking utensils; 5 table cloths; luggage; jewelry; 3 comforters; 3 quilts; 2 bed spreads; afghan; 5 goose feather pillows; 8 sofa pillows; rag rugs; binoculars; camera; wall shelf; 6 pr. ladies shoes 9-9½; man's green insulated jacket, rain coat; 2 overcoats, and deerskin jacket; childs toys; games; 2 Christmas trees; decorations; glass fruit jars; bird cage and stand; many items not mentioned.

Terms: Cash. Not responsible for accidents.

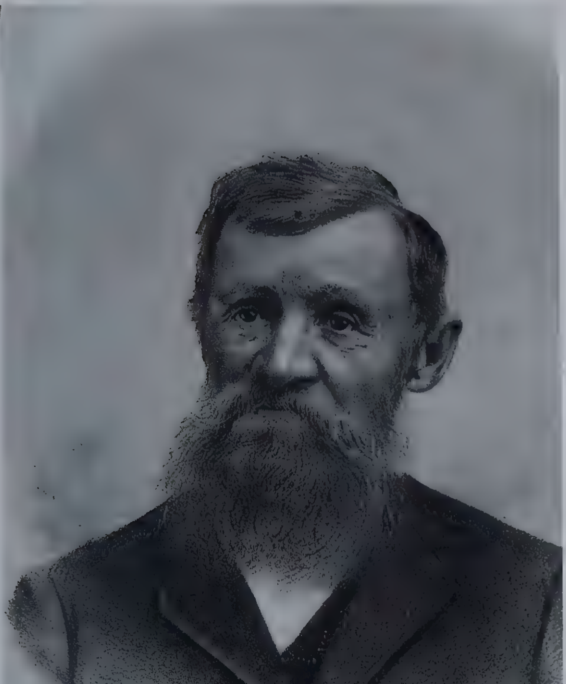
Mrs. Harold (Eunice) Zehr, owner

Auctioneers — John L. Fisher, 657-5381, & Glenn C. Merica

Lunch by Spencerville Community Club.

Esther Shilling

Born March 18, 1831



Solomon Shilling

B. March 15, 1823

D. Sept. 2, 1902

County has 32 century farms

DeKalb County can boast of 32 Hoosier Homestead farms within its boundaries, out of 2,561 such farms statewide.

Indiana's lieutenant governor gives the award to Hoosier farmers whose property has been in the same family for 100 years or more.

The family must submit an application for the award, along with documentation to prove continuous ownership. The Award Certification Committee, composed of representatives from the state Department of Commerce, the Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana Historical Bureau, and private citizens, reviews the application and approves the award.

These farms are Hoosier Homesteads, according to a list available from the Indiana Department of Commerce:

1834 — Harold and H. Lorraine (Rhodes) Murphy, 6511 State Road 1, Spencerville.

1836 — Howard and Edith Shilling, 6418 County Road 51, St. Joe.

1837 — Howard and Doris Hine, 2859 County Road 23, Waterloo.

1837 — Carl and Mary Carpenter, 5108 State Road 1, Butler.

1841 — James R. Shoemaker I, 1577 County Road 31, Waterloo.

1843 — Joseph D. Sliger, 0608 County Road 40, Garrett.

1844 — David and Ruth Anne Walters, 6458 County Road 39, Auburn.

1844 — Waldo and Mary Speer Bowman, 505 W. Maple St., Waterloo (farm at 2205 County Road 39).

1844 — Clyde Husselman, 2986 County Road 27, Waterloo.

1845 — James and Edith Getts, 0350 County Road 19, Ashley.

1845 — Vance H. and Lois Anne Hook, 8013 County Road 72, Hicksville, O.

1847 — Max W. Hamman, 0949 County Road 35, Ashley.

1857 — John R. Scoville, 433 W. Main Street, Butler.

1859 — Ralph and Kennis Kanaga, 2264 County Road 6, Ashley.

1861 — Harold and Vera Creager, 7219 County Road 24.

1864 — Trevor S. Frederick, 1550 State Road 4, Hudson.

1866 — Eunice Zehr, Spencerville.

1868 — Francis A. and Irene V. (Ball) Nelson, 211 N. Ash Street, Butler.

1872 — Harold L. Newcomer, 5195 County Road 8, Hamilton.

1873 — Oscar S. Noel, 1587 County Road 60, Garrett.

1873 — Mrs. Earl Farrington, Rural Route 1, Corunna.

1874 — Richard Lee Haynes, Rural Route 1, Box 36 Garrett.

1874 — William F. and Goldia Miser, 4838 County Road 22, Waterloo.

1875 — John D. Smith, 3326 State Road 8, Auburn.

1875 — Alta F. and John Stoops, 5097 County Road 31, Auburn.

1876 — Charles Robert Ridge, 5447 County Road 34, Butler.

1879 — James and Fannie Pepple, 2903 County Road 32, Auburn.

1880 — Marvin and Jocelyn Basse, County Road 66, Auburn.

1881 — Ford M. Perkins, 0483 County Road 11, Hudson.

1882 — Larry S. and Jerry Hook, 3662 County Road 75, Butler.

1882 — Francis M. and Judy R. Richter, 0227 County Road 35, Ashley.

1884 — L. Eugene and Sadonna (Brechbill) Eckert, 1976 County Road 35, Waterloo.

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Porter."

Jane Hine published her nature writing in the biannual report of the commission on Fisheries and Game in Indiana in 1911. The book was complied by George William Miles. A copy of the 500-page book was placed in the cornerstone of the DeKalb County Courthouse, according to Hine.

Hine said that stories abound concerning the famous sinkhole on the property. "The sinkhole forced the railroad to detour around it for 15 years," said Hine. The area, along the Conrail tracks a half mile east of Sedan, is still a swamp.

One story has it that the railroad went through the sinkhole on a floating bridge. When it sank, the railroad made a sharp bend in the tracks to go around the sinkhole. "A small town of Irish workers sprang up at the place," said Hine. "Some of them would get off the track when they'd been drinking whiskey, as the story goes. The sinkhole is supposed to be full of old railroad cars."

Hine also tells a story about a man named Pat who was sent to Waterloo to get two gallons of whiskey for the group, and disappeared. Legend has it that the man drank the liquor before he got back. "He wanted to get his share of the whiskey. They think he went off the track into the sinkhole," said Hine.

Hine thinks the sinkhole has a muck bottom, but is very deep. "I myself have pushed poles 20-30 feet down and not touched the bottom," he said.

Hine's grandfather, also named Sheldon, moved to the present location on County Road 23 in 1878, operating the farm and using the oak tifnber to supply the sawmill. "He became interested in politics. He was the county treasurer and the first trustee of Grant Township when it was divided from Union Township. He also established the first Waterloo mail route," said Hine.

Maynard Hine, his father, bought the farm around 1905-10, and Howard took over in 1944. Howard's son, Maynard, now does the farming.

Widney 1837

John Patterson Widney, one of DeKalb County's earliest settlers, bought this land in 1837, along with other acreage, for $1.50 per acre when he came from Pennsylvania. "He was 19 years old," said Mary Carpenter, who now owns the farm. Widney was the great-grandfather of her late husband, Carl.

Mary has lived on the farm, at 5108 State Road 1 north of St. Joe, for 60 years.

Shoemaker 1841

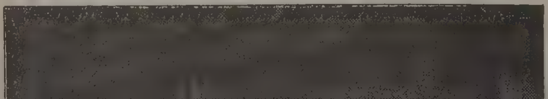
"My great-great grand uncle went to the California Gold Rush," said James Shoemaker. "When he came back, he traded his 'Golden Oxen' for the first 80 acres."

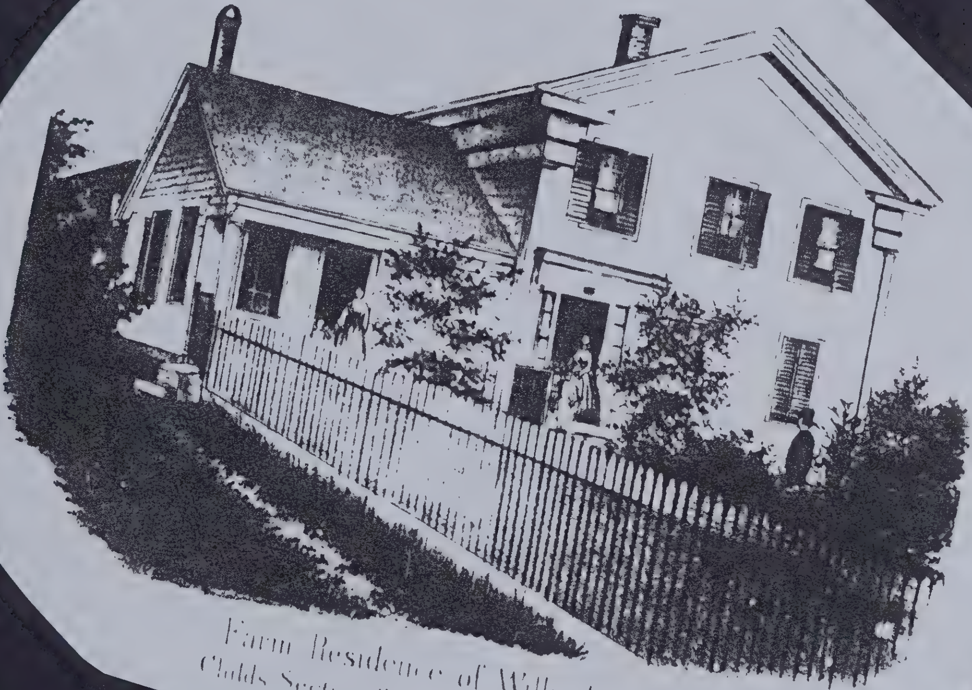
Shoemaker's family eventually acquired almost 640 acres, a full section, about 2½ miles north of Waterloo.

His great-grandfather, Emmanuel Russell Shoemaker, bought 360 acres of the original acreage and built a three-story house on what is now County Road 35. The farm subsequently passed to Henry David, then to Edward Russell, and then to James.

Shoemaker said farms were very self-sufficent in those days. "We had three hired men. We had our own ice house and

MAY DEKALB COUNTY
HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESS



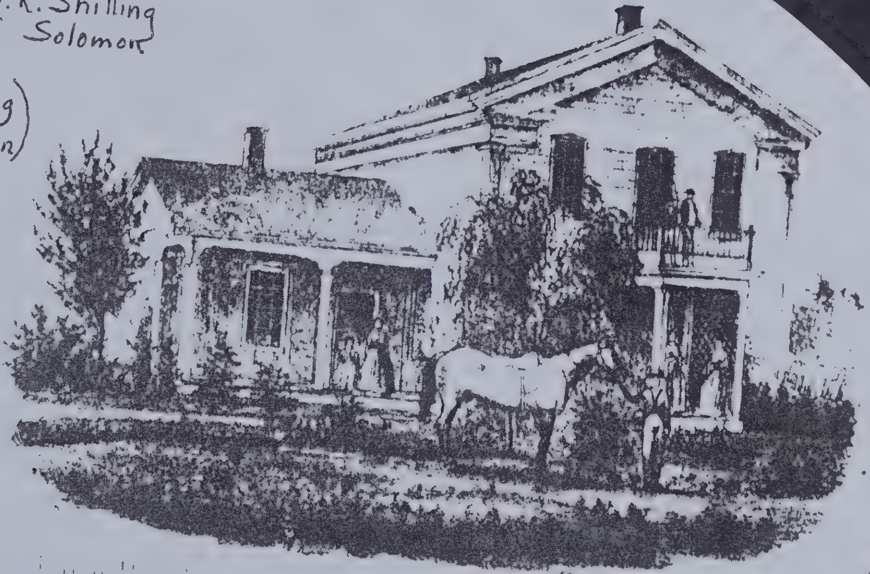


Farm Residence of Willard
Childs Section 27 Fairfield Tp.

This may be J.R. Shilling
son of Solomon

(OR Joseph Shilling
brother of Solomon)

1863 map shows
J. R. on Sect. 5



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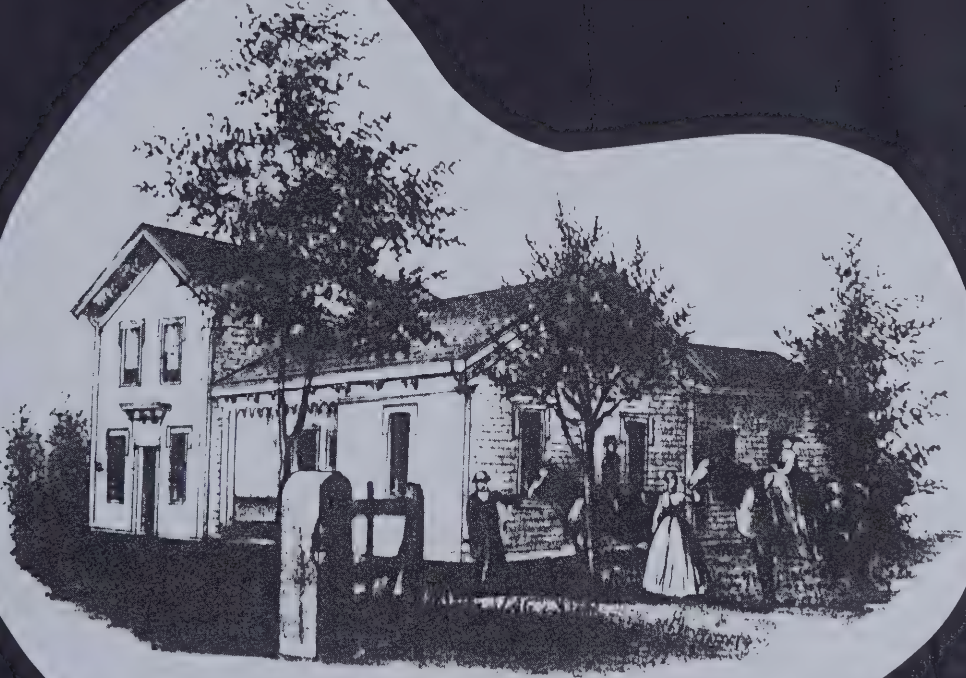

Farm Residence of J M Brumbeck
Section 34 of Fairfield Tp

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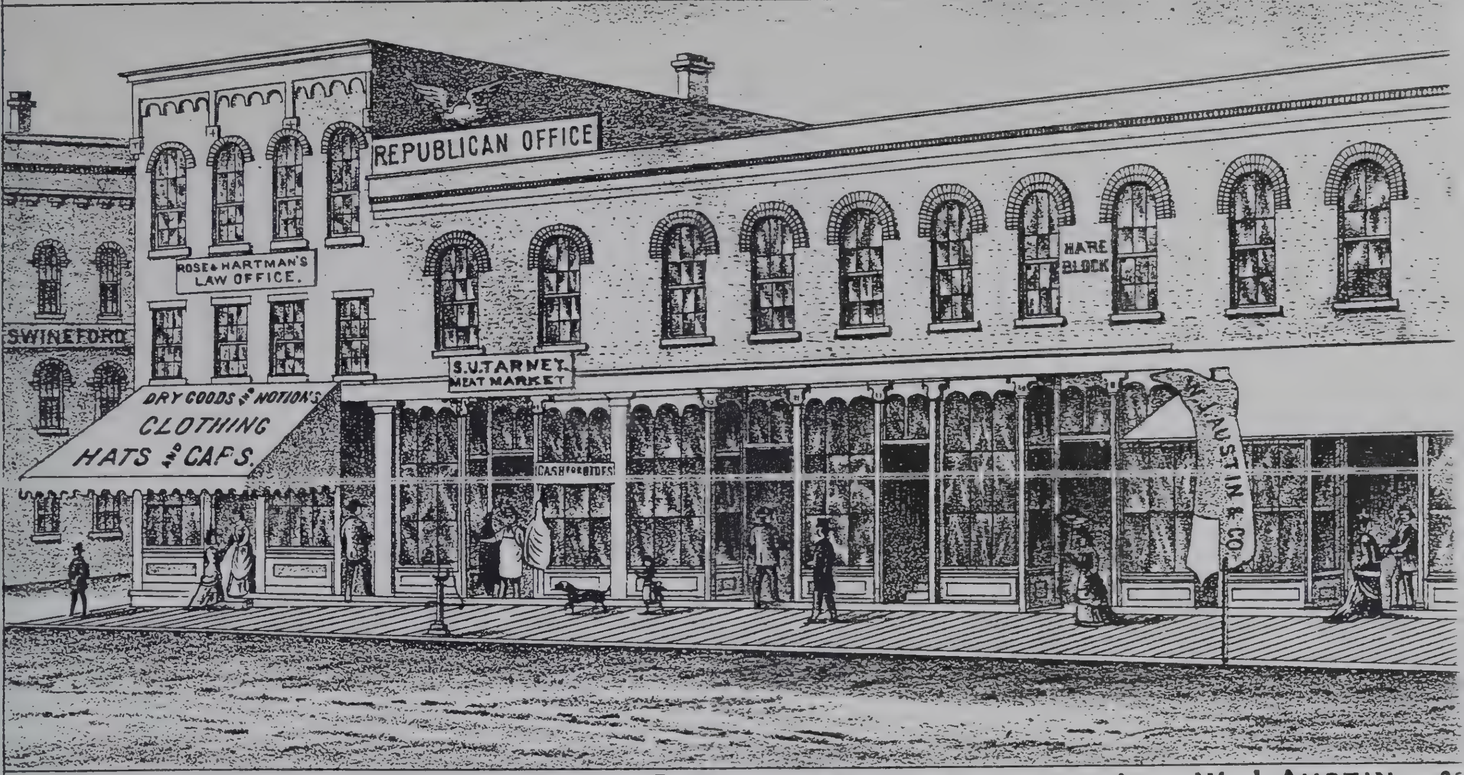
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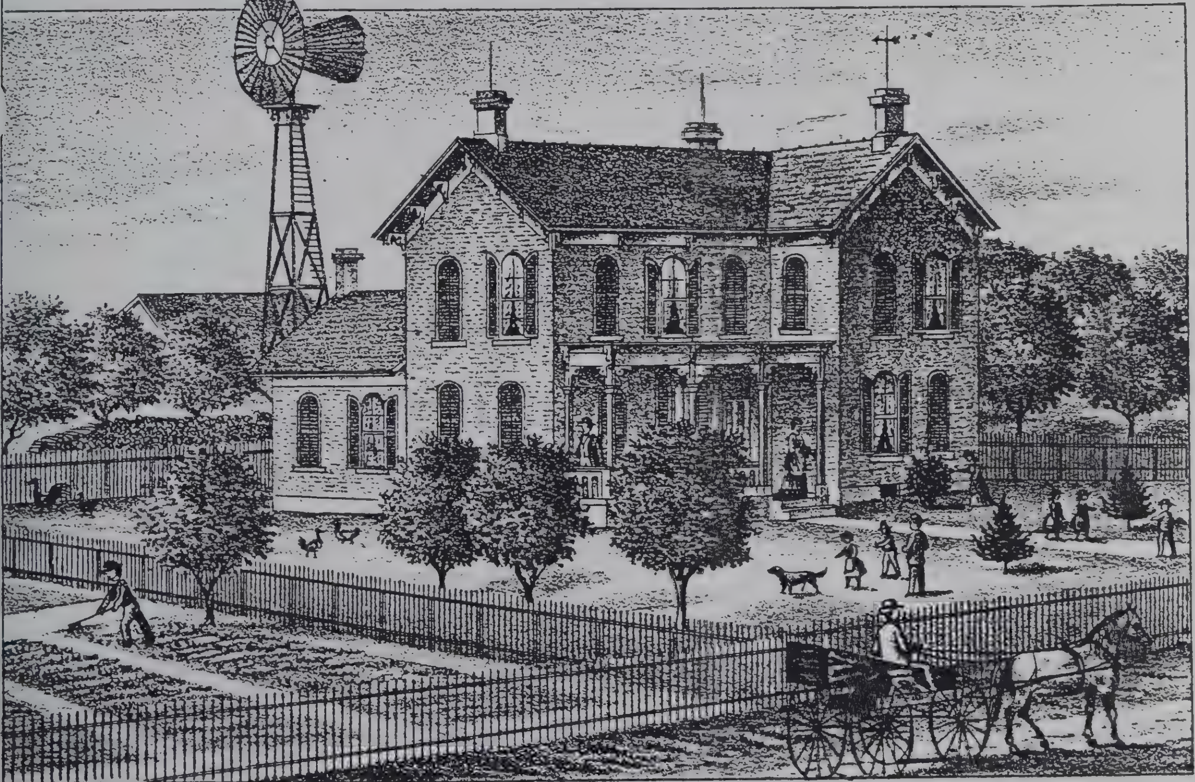

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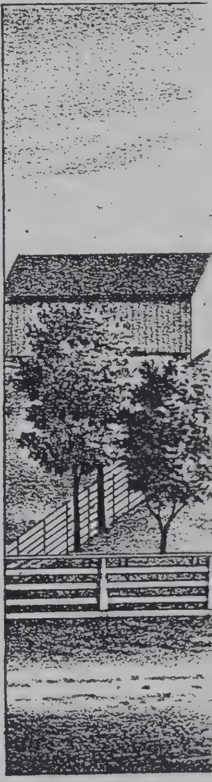

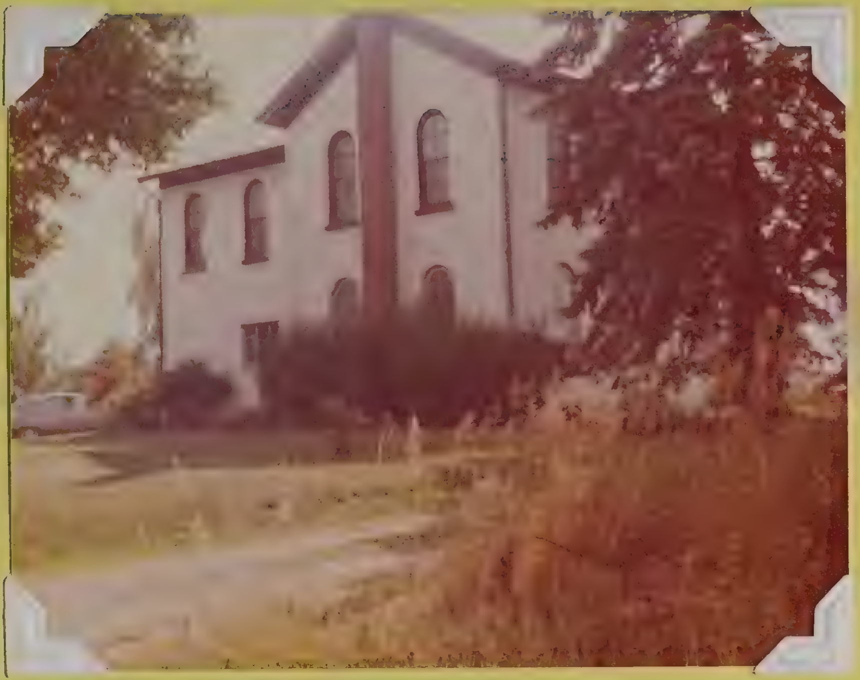

Shilling farm
in family since
1836

Purchased by
Adam Shilling
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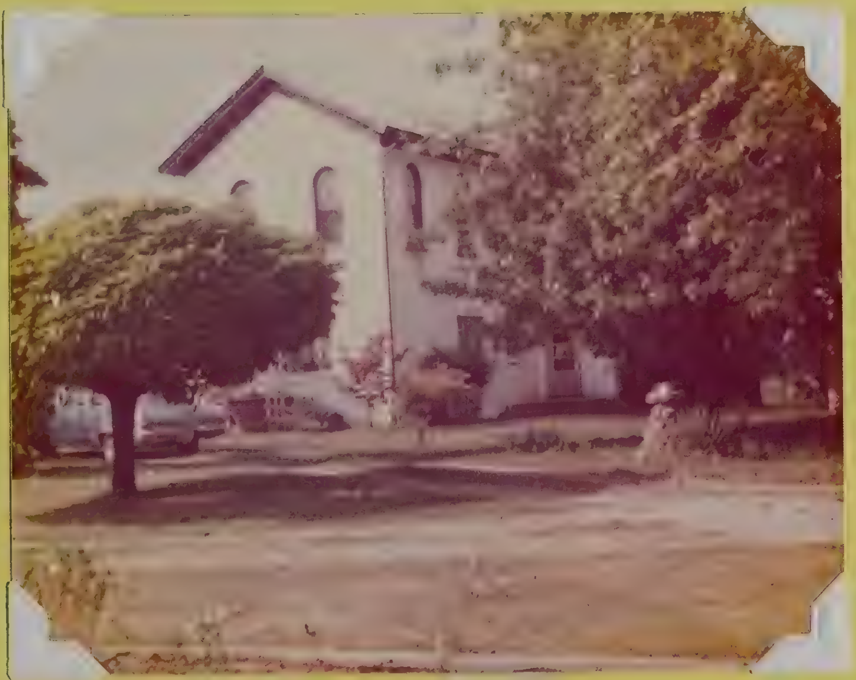
The home of Solomon and Esther
Shilling in De Kalb County, Indiana
(Near Spencerville)



Pictures taken Sept. 1974 - Presently the
home of Eunice Zehr - grand-daughter of
Solomon and Esther Shilling.

Mrs. Zehr had an auction sale on Sept. 7, 1974 and the following pictures were taken at this sale. The sale started at 9:00 A.M. and lasted until nearly 6:00 P.M. The weather was beautiful. I took Esther Fitch (granddaughter of Solomon & Esther Shilling and we spent the day.

YARN WINDER

The yarn winder comes from the family of Solomon Shilling and his wife, Esther Blyler. We bought it at an auction that was held in the 1970s at the home at that time of Eunice Zehr, who was the daughter of John and Lovina Shilling. This was one of the old homestead homes and had been lived in by Solomon and Esther Shilling. And also the home where Vienna Shilling was brought up before she married John Doll.

So this was the yarn winder of Warren's great-grandmother. Esther Blyler Shilling

Warren Fitch
Esther Doll
Vienna Shilling
Solomon and Esther Shilling

Instructions on how it was used:

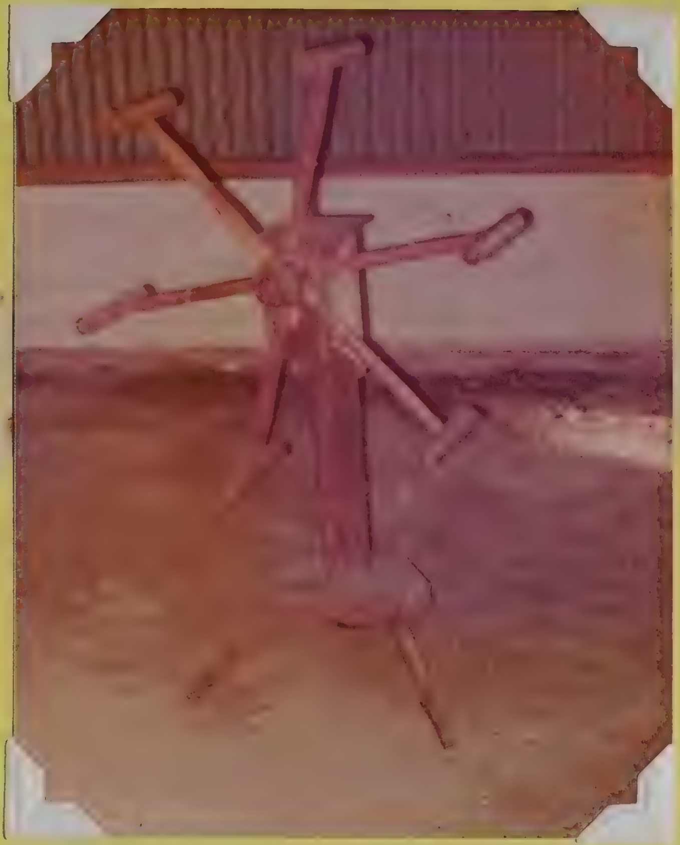
One winding equal 90 inches
120 windings complete a reel

10,800 inches of yarn
900 feet of yarn
300 yards of yarn

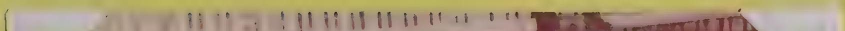
There are 40 threads to a knot
and 3 knots to complete a reel
21 knots to a skein
which is 7 complete reels
about 100 yards for a know and
2100 yards for a skein

Yarn winders were used at the same time as the spinning wheels and that would mean that this particular winder was probably used in the mid-1850s. One yarn winder I had at one time had a 1827 penny in it which was probably put there as the year it was made as there would be no other reason to put a dated item in the winder. I sold that one to a man at New Haven.

The Shillings came to Indiana in the 1850's or 1860's. There is no way to know if this winder came from Stark County, Ohio, with them , or was purchased later and it is possible that it even belonged to another generation back, but suppose it was one of the items that had to be in every home in those days, especially in the "backwoods" areas of the country where new cloth was not readily available for some time.



The yarn winder

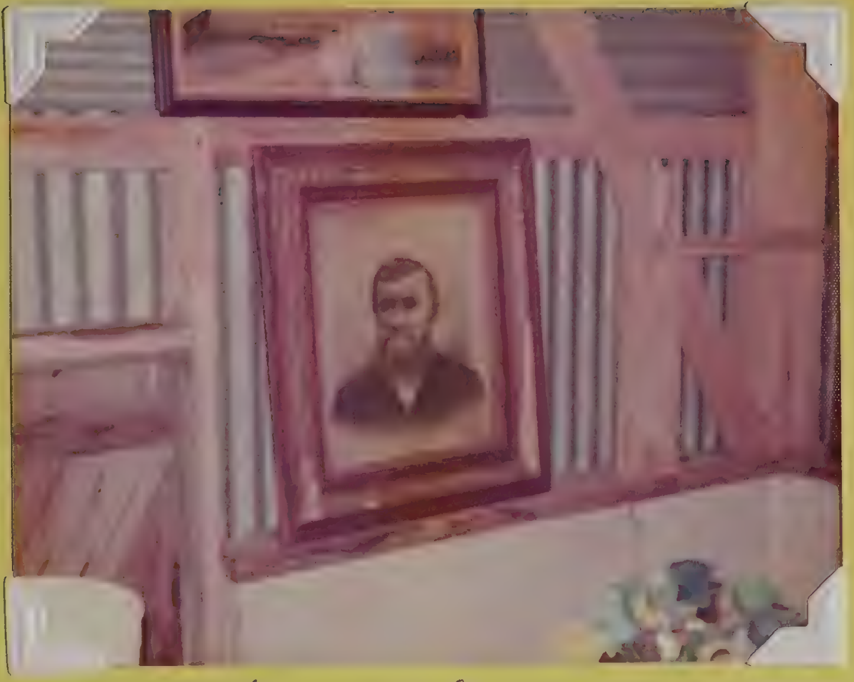


The applebutter kettle

I bought both of these

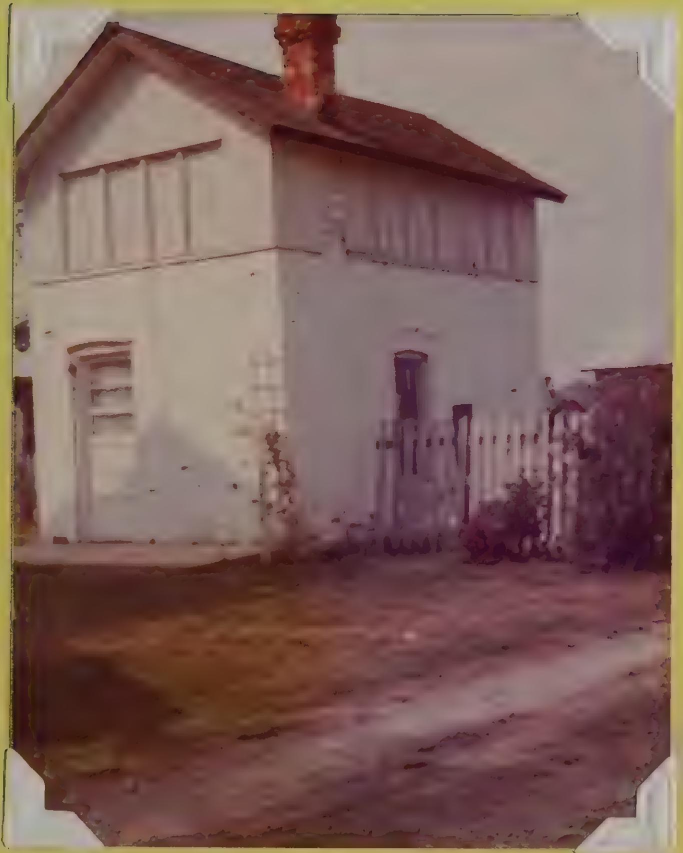
Solomon's Rocker?

an ox yoke

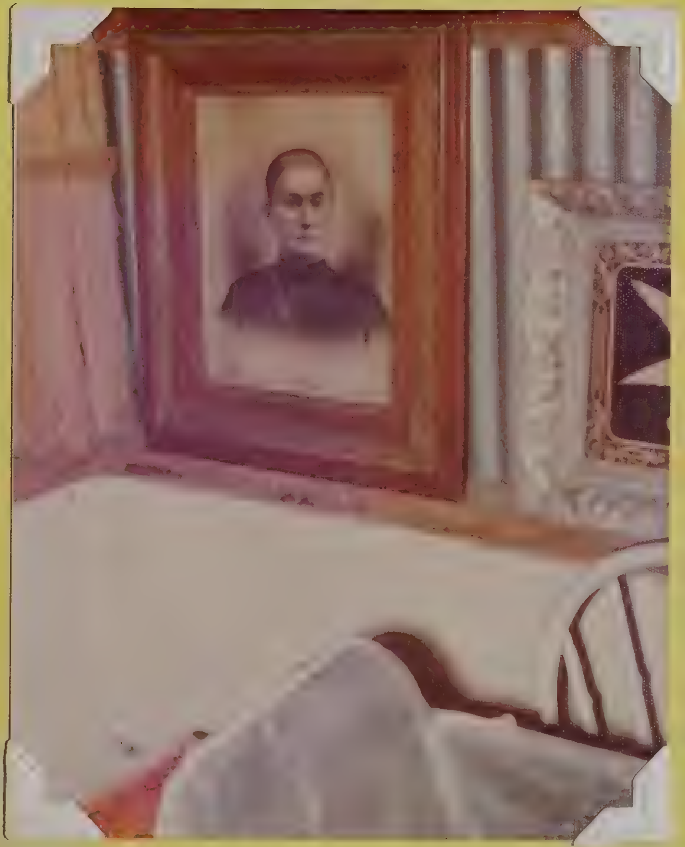


Solomon Shilling

and Esther



The "old summer kitchen"



The spinning wheel "wheel"

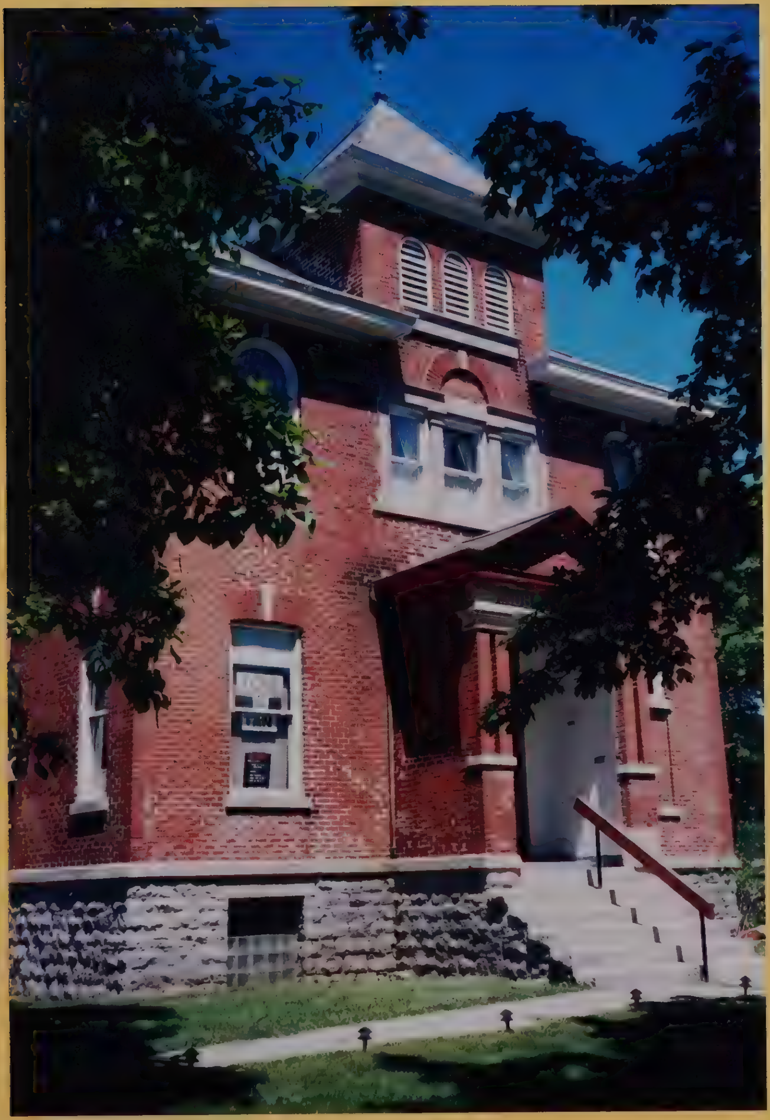
Paul + Josephine Clark

There was a "tremendous crowd"

Clocks

and bells —

An antique sewing machine.



This is Spencerville
High School in 1997

being made into a
mini-mall

History of DeKalb County, Introduction:

Changes of 50 years -- Life in the crowded East -- Courage of the Pioneers -- Their Labor and Rewards --

Within one brief generation a dense and unbroken wilderness has been transformed into a cultivated region of thrift and prosperity, by the untiring zeal and energy of an enterprising people. The trails of hunters and trappers have given place to railroads and thoroughfares for vehicles of every description. The cabins and garden patches of the pioneers have been succeeded by comfortable houses and broad fields of waving grain, with school houses, churches, mills, post offices and other institutions of convenience for each community. Add to these four towns from 1,000 to 2,000 inhabitants in size, and numerous thriving villages, with extensive business & manufacturing interests, and the result is a work of which all concerned may be proud.

The record of this marvelous change is history, and the most important that can be written. For 50 years the people of DeKalb County have been making a history that for thrilling interest, grand practical results, and lessons that may be perused with profit by citizens of other regions, will compare favorable with the narrative of the history of any county in the great Northwest; and, considering the extent of territory involved, it is as worthy of the pen of a Bancroft as even the story of our glorious republic.

While our venerable ancestors may have said and believed, "No pent-up Utica contracts our powers, for the whole continent is ours", they were nevertheless for a long time content to occupy and possess a very small corner of it. And the great West was not opened to industry and civilization until a variety of causes had combined to form, as it were, a great heart, whose animating principle was improvement, whose impulses annually sent Westward armies of noble men and women, and whose pulse is now felt throughout the length and breadth of the best country the sun has ever shone upon - from the pineries of Maine to the vineyards of California, the sugar-canes of Louisiana to the wheat fields of Minnesota. Long may this heart beat and push forward its arteries and veins of commerce.

No more from choice than from enforced necessity did the old pioneers bid farewell to the playgrounds of their childhood and graves of their fathers. One generation after another had worn themselves out in the service of their avaricious landlords. From the first flashes of daylight in the morning until the last glimmer of the setting sun, they had toiled unceasingly on, from father to son, carrying home each day upon their aching shoulders the precious proceeds of their daily labor. Money and pride and power were handed down in the line of succession from the rich father to his son, while unceasing work and continuous poverty and everlasting obscurity were the heritage of the working man and his children.

Their society was graded and degraded. It was not manners, nor industry, nor education, nor qualities of the head and heart that established the grade. It was money and jewels and silk and satin, and broadcloth and imperious pride that triumphed over honest

poverty and trampled the poor man and his children under the iron heel. The children of the rich and poor were not permitted to mingle with and love each other. Courtship was more the work of the parents than of the sons and daughters. The golden calf was the key to matrimoney, until the virus boiling in their blood was transmitted by the law of inheritance from one generation to another until nerves powerless and manhood dwarfed were on exhibition everywhere, and everywhere abhorred. For the sons and daughters of the poor man, to stay there, was to forever follow as our fathers had done and never to lead. To submit, but never to rule. To obey,' but never command.

Without money, without prestige, or influential friends, the old pioneers drifted along one by one, from state to state, until in Indiana, the garden of the Union, they have found inviting homes for each, and room for all. To secure and adorn these homes more than ordinary ambition was required, greater than ordinary endurance demanded, and unflinching determination was by the force of necessity written over every brow. It was not pomp or parade or glittering show that the pioneers were after. They sought for homes that they could call their own, homes for themselves and their children. How well they have suceeded after a struggle of many years against the adverse tides, let the records and tax-gatherers testify; let the broad cultivated fields and fruit-bearing orchards, the spacious halls, the clattering car wheels and ponderous engines testify.

There was a time when the pioneers waded through deep snows,across bridgeless rivers, and through bottomless sloughs, a score of miles to a mill or market, and when more time was required to reach and return from market than is now required to cross the continent or traverse the Atlantic. These were the times when our palaces were constructed of logs and covered with "shakes" riven from forest trees. These were the times when our children were stowed away for the night in the low, dark attic, amongst the horns of elk and the deer, and where through the chinks in the shakes they could count the twinkling stars. These were the times when our chairs and bedsteads were hewn from forest trees and tables and bureaus were constructed from the boxes in which their goods were brought. These were the times when the working man labored six and sometimes seven days in the week and all the hours there were in a day, from sunrise to sunset.

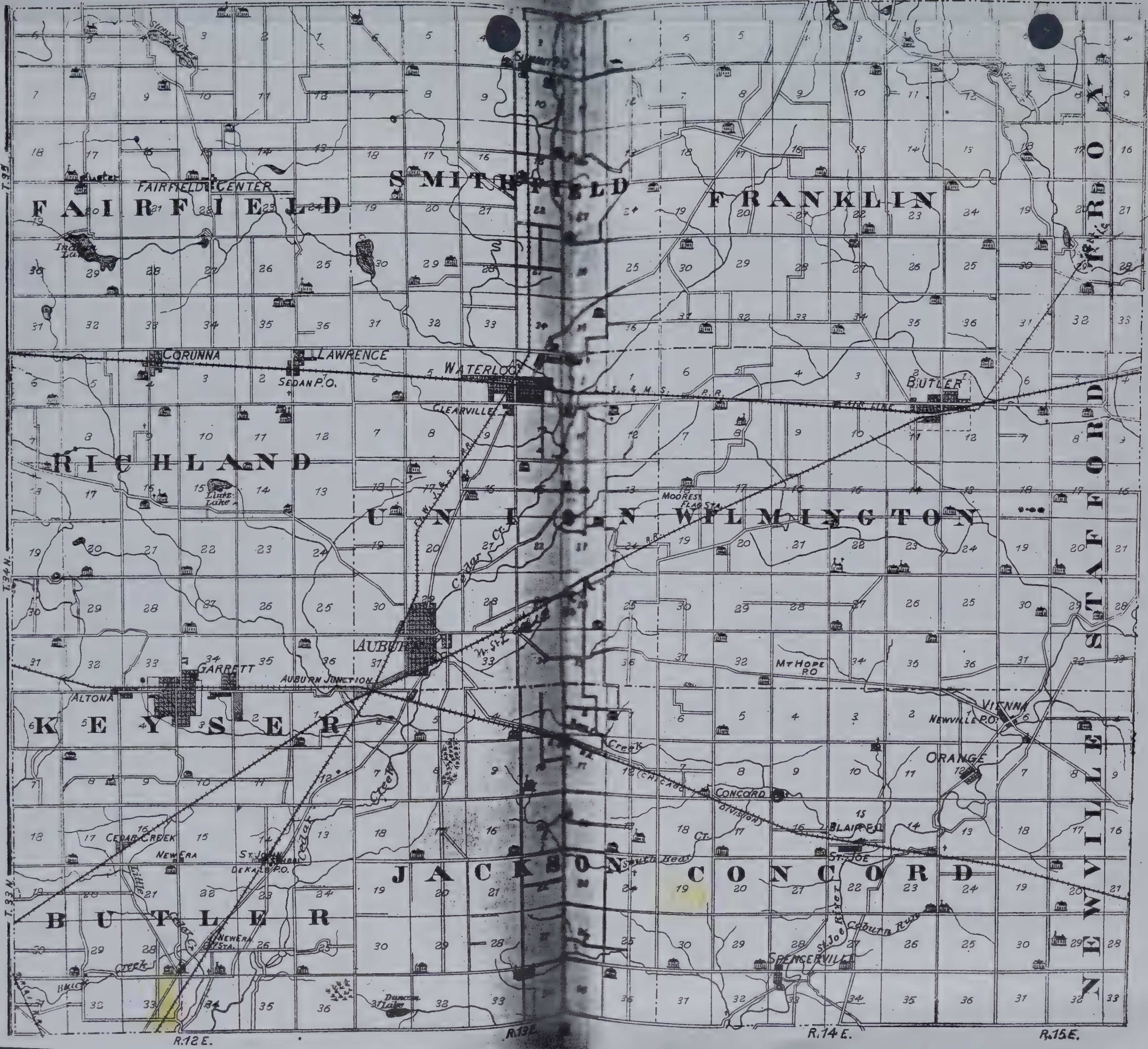
Whether all succeeded in what they undertook is not a question to be asked now. The proof that as a body they did succeed is all around us . Many individuals were perhaps disappointed. Fortunes and misfortunes belong to the human race. Not every man can have a schoolhouse on the corner of his farm. Not every man can have a bridge over a stream that flows by his dwelling. Not every man can have a railroad depot on the borders of his plantation, or a city in its center. And while these things are desireable in some respects, their advantages have sometimes outweighed by the almost perpetual presence of the foreign beggar, the dreaded tramp, the fear of fire and conflagration, and the insecurity from the presence of the midnight burglar, and the bold, bad men and women who lurk in ambush and infest the villages. The good things of this earth are not all to be found in one place, but if more is to be found in one

than another, that place is in our rural retreats, our quiet homes outside the clamor and turmoil of city life. In viewing the blessings which surround us then, we should reverence those who have made them possible, and ever fondly cherish in memory the sturdy old pioneer and his log cabin.

Let us turn our eyes and thoughts back to the log-cabin days of a quarter of a century ago, and contrast those homes with comfortable dwellings of today. Before us stands the old log cabin. Let us enter. Instinctively the head is uncovered in taken of reverence to this relic of ancestral beginnings, early struggles and final triumphs. To the left is the deep wide fireplace, in whose commodious space a group of children may sit by the fire and up through the chimney may count the stars, while ghostly stories of witches and giants, and still more thrilling stories of Indians and wild beasts, are whisperingly told and shudderingly heard. On the great crane hang the old teakettle and the great iron pot. The huge shovel and tongs stand sentinel in either corner, while the great andirons patiently wait for the huge backlog. Over the fireplace hangs the trusty rifle. To the right of the fireplace stands the spinning wheel, while in the further end of the room is seen the old-fashioned loom. Strings of drying apples and poles of drying pumpkins are overhead. Opposite the door in which you enter stands a huge deal table, by its side the dresser whose pewter plates and "shining delf" catch the reflection of the fireplace flames as shields of armies do in the sunshine. From the corner of its shelves coyly peep out the relics of former china. In a curtained corner and hid from casual sight we find the mother's bed, and under it a trundle bed, while near them a ladder indicates the loft where the older children sleep. To the left of the fireplace and in the corner opposite the spinning wheel is the mother's workstand. Upon it lies the Bible, evidently much used, its family record telling of parents and friends a long way off, and telling, too of children "scattered like roses in bloom, some at the bridal, some at the tomb". Her spectacles as if but just used, are inserted between the leaves of her Bible, and tell of her purpose to return to its comforts when cares permit and duty is done. A stool, a bench, well notched and whittled and carved, and a few chairs complete the furniture of the room, and all stand on a coarse but well-scoured floor.

Let us for a moment watch the city visitors to this humble cabin. The city bride, innocent but thoughtless, and ignorant of labor and care, askes her city-bred husband, "Pray, what savages set this up?". Honestly confessing his ignorance, he replies "I do not know". But see the pair upon whom age sits "frosty" but kindly. First, as they enter, they give a rapid glance around the cabin home, and then a mutual glance eye to eye. Why do tears start and fill their eyes?? Why do lips quiver? There are many who know why; but who that has not learned in the school of experience the full meaning of all these symbols of trials and privations of loneliness and danger, can comprehend the story that they tell to the pioneer? Within this chinked and mud-daubed cabin we read the first pages of our history and as we retire through its low doorway, and note the heavy battened door, its wooden hinges with its welcoming latch-string, is it strange that the scenes without

should seem to be but a dream?? But the cabin and the palace, standing side by side in vivid contrast, tell their own story of this people's progress. They are a history and a prophecy in one.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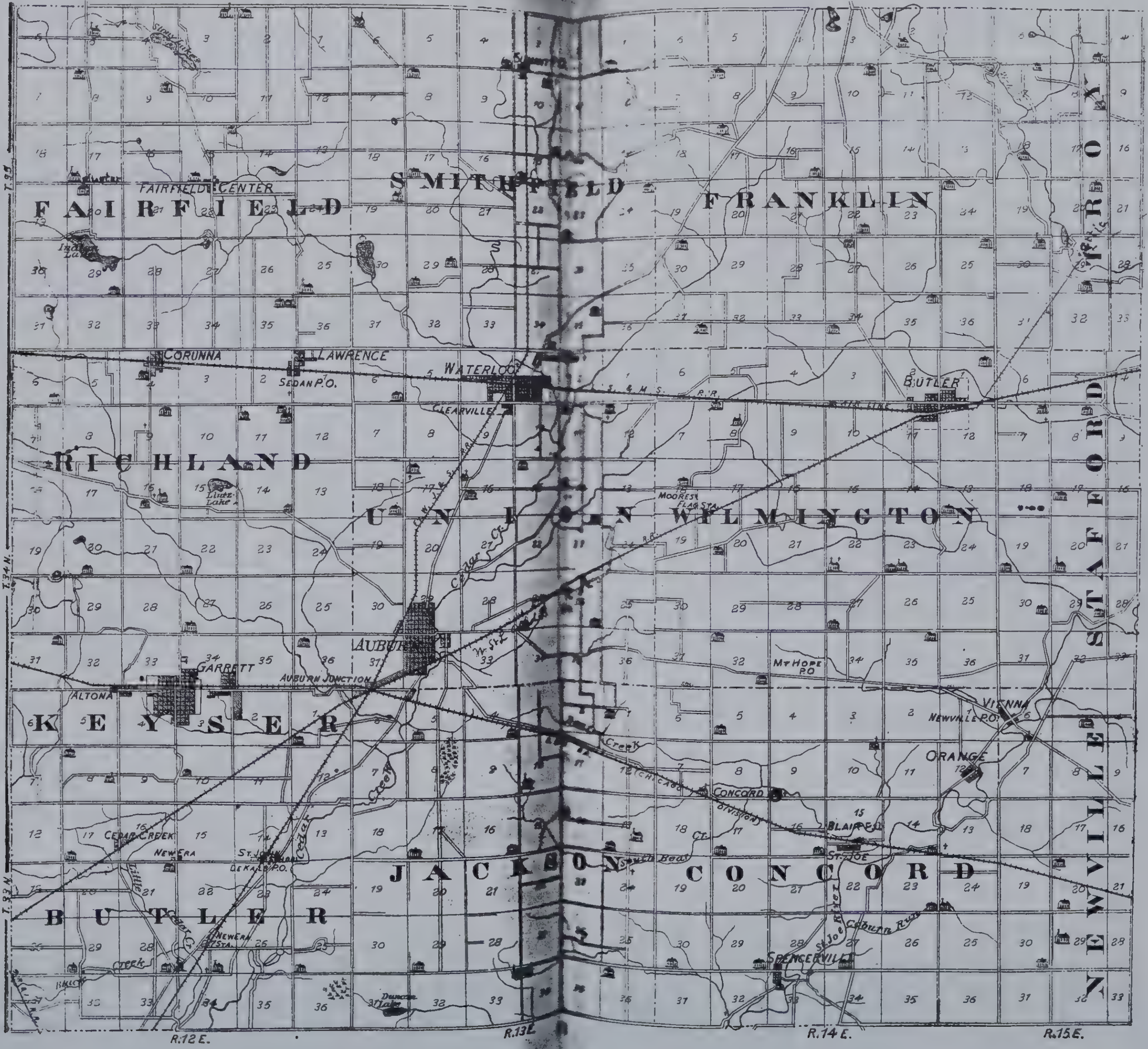
Map of DEKALB County.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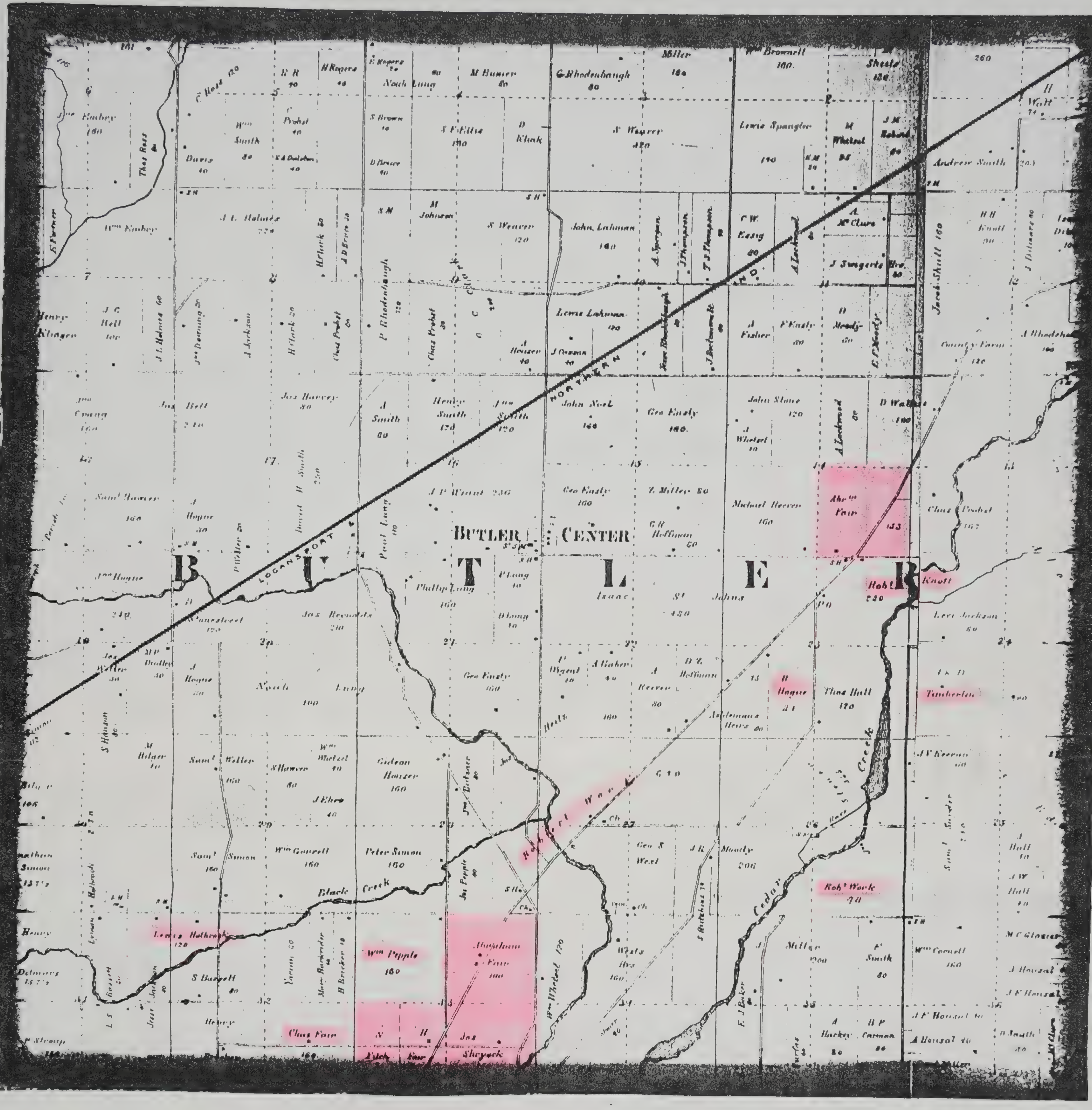
Butler Township



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Noah Long
S Weaver 120
Lewis Spangler 140
Andrew Smith
John Lehman 160
Lewis Lehman
Jacob Shull 160
County Farm
P Rhodenbaugh
Henry Smith 174
John Noel 160
Geo Easly 160
John Stone 120
J P Wiant 236
Geo Easly 160
Z Miller 80
G R Hoffman 60
Michael Reeves 160
Abrm Fair 133
Robt Knott 230
Phillip Long 160
Jas Reynolds 210
St Johns
Isaac
Geo Easly 160
Levi Jackson 80
Thos Hall 120
H Hogue
Timberlin
Gideon Houser 160
Peter Simon 160
Wm Gorrell 160
Saml Weller 160
Saml Simon 160
Geo S West
Moody 206
Robt Work
Lewis Holbrook 120
Wm Pepple 160
Abraham Fair 160
Jos Shryock
Chas Fair 160
S Bassett
Wm Cornell 160
Miller 200
Wm Whetsel 120

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Babor, Akillo	22	Miller, Jeremiah	3
Bruce, D	16	McClure, George	36
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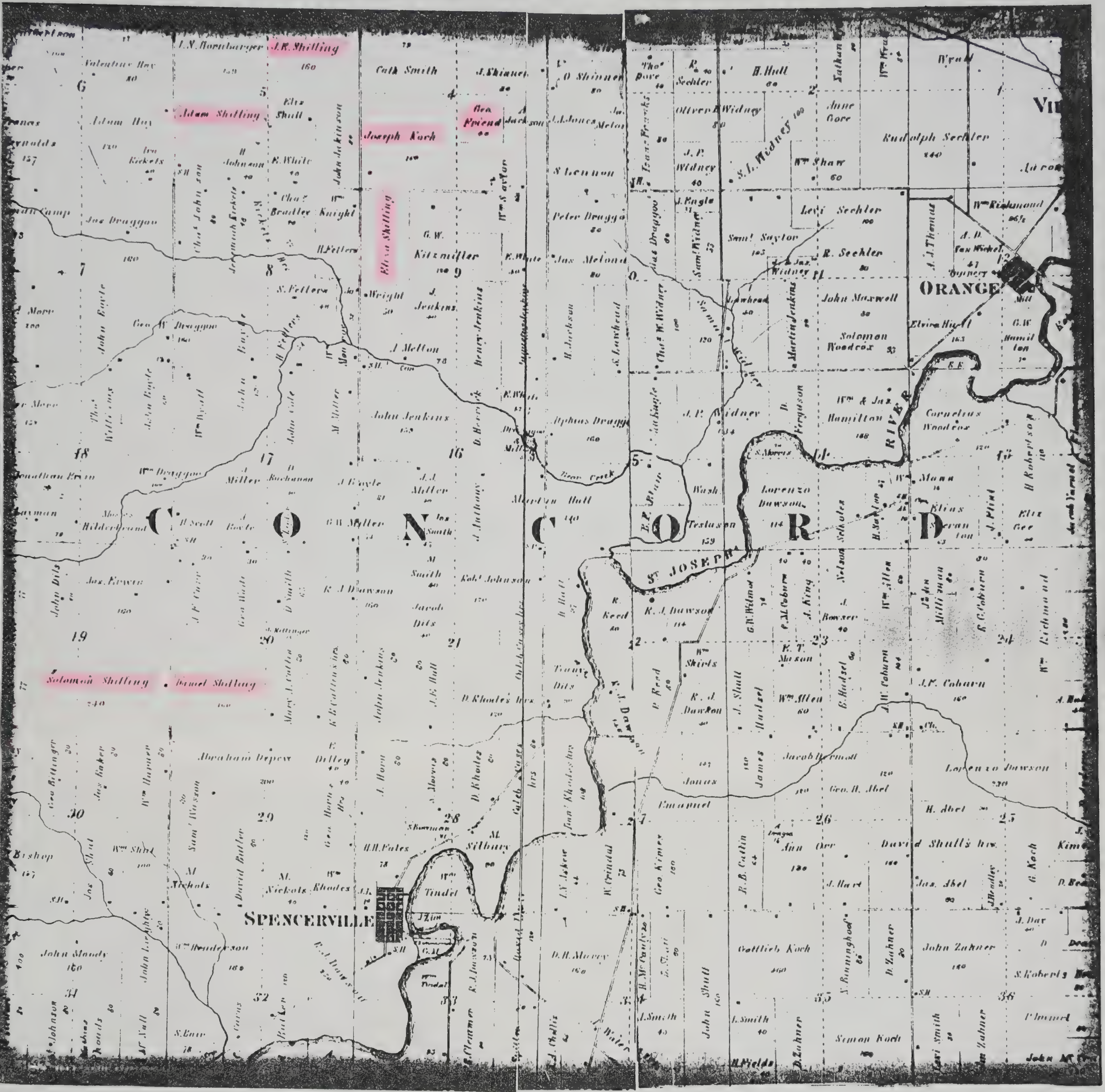

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Adam Shilling
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Joseph Koch
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Geo Friend
Cath Smith
J. Shiner
O. Shinner
Tho. Dove
E. Sechler
B. Hull
Oliver E. Widney
S.L. Widney
June Gore
Rudolph Sechler
Wm. Shaw
Levi Sechler
R. Sechler
Saml. Saylor
John Maxwell
Solomon Woodcox
A.J. Thomas
Wm. Richmond
Elvira Hull
Wm. & Jas. Hamilton
Cornelius Woodcox
H. Robertson
Lorenzo Dawson
Testason
Nelson Scholes
John Millman
J.W. Coburn
J.F. Coburn
Wm. Allen
A. King
J. Bowser
E.T. Mason
R.J. Dawson
J. Shull
Jacob Harnell
Geo. H. Abel
H. Abel
David Shull's hrs.
Jas. Abel
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John Zahner
D. Zahner
Gottlieb Koch
Simon Koch
John Shutt
J. Smith
E. Smith
Levi Smith
S. Roberts
S. Runninghood
R.B. Catlin
Ann Orr
Geo Kimes
Emanuel
Jonas
D.H. Macey
W. Crandal
John Jenkins
Jas. Melona
Peter Draggoo
Alpheus Draggoo
Chas. W. Widney
J.P. Widney
Martin Jenkins
Henry Jenkins
G.W. Kitzmiller
J. Jenkins
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Geo Watt
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Jas. Erwin
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H.H. Fates
M. Nichols
Wm. Rhodes
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David Butler
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Bishop
John Mundy
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Jos. Draggoo
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John Eagle
Wm. Draggoo
Moses Hilderbrand
H. Scott
Chas. Bradley
Knight
Jeremiah Rickets
Chas. Johnson
E. White
H. Johnson
John Jackson
H. Fellers
S. Fellers
Wright
Wm. Saylor
A. Jackson
J.J. Jones
S. Lennon
Jas. Draggoo
Saml. Widney
J. Eagle
A. Lawhead
Wash
E.T. Stan
Rachel Richmond
B. Sechler
Wm. Mann
Elias Moran
J. Flint
Eliz. Gee
John McN

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Zahner, Daniel	35
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CHAPTER XIII.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—FIRST ELECTION. —FIRST JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN THE COUNTY.—EARLY SETTLERS.—SKETCH OF NELSON ULM.—LIST OF PIONEERS.—EARLY JUSTICES, CONSTABLES, TRUSTEES AND ASSESSORS,—SPENCERVILLE.—ST. JOE.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—CROP STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

This township, situated in the southeastern portion of DeKalb County, is bounded on the north by Wilmington Township, on the east by Newville Township, on the south by Springfield Township, Allen County, and on the west by Jackson Township. The St. Joseph River flows in a meandering course from northeast to southwest, while Bear Creek, entering in the northwest corner, flows through the center to the river. Good mill sites were afforded by the river, upon which two grist and two saw mills were erected. A saw mill was erected near the center of the township on Bear Creek many years ago, and also one on the stream known as the "Twenty-six Mile Creek." In natural features, the township presented many advantages to the early immigrant, and it has been claimed by its people to be the best, agriculturally, in the county.

DeKalb was the name first given to this township, in the fall of 1837. It then included what is now Concord, Stafford and Newville Townships, but in March following Stafford was detached and temporarily added to Wilmington, while the present name Concord was substituted for DeKalb. An election was ordered held the first Monday in April following, at the house of Jared Ball, and Cornelius Woodcock was appointed Inspector of Elections. At this election Washington Robinson was chosen Justice of the Peace. Newville was afterward made a separate township, leaving Concord its present limits.

Under date of April 9, 1838, Mr. Robinson made the first report to the county that was rendered by any justice, as follows:

"STATE OF INDIANA,
DEKALB COUNTY,
CONCORD TOWNSHIP,
March 30, 1838. } Plaintiff.

"This day personally appeared before me, Washington Robinson, a Justice of the Peace in and for the township aforesaid, Lyman Benton and William Rhodes; being found guilty of an affray by the information of Thomas L. Yates, Judge of the Circuit Court, and confessed themselves guilty, and the cause being heard and inspected, it is therefore considered that the said Lyman Benton and William Rhodes stand convicted in the sum of one dollar fine for each one, making two dollars and fifty cents their cost.

"Given under my hand this 30th day of March, 1838.

"WASHINGTON ROBINSON, J. P.

"I do hereby certify the above to be a true list of fines assessed by me and recorded on my docket.

"Given under my hand this 9th day of April, 1838.

"WASHINGTON ROBINSON, J. P."

In 1835, of ten families settled in the county, nine were residents of Concord. The St. Joseph of the Maumee was at an early day the main channel for all commercial traffic, and on its fertile borders were founded the earliest settlements. Ranging from 1835 to 1839 the following named were located on the river: Homer Blake, David Butler (who for many years enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest living settler of this county), John Mathews, Thomas L. Yates (on the present site of Spencerville), John T. Rhodes (pioneer hotel keeper of Spencerville), Jerry Rhodes, Daniel Rhodes, Brandt Rood, Cramwell Rood, William Mathews, Mr. Lytle, Jared Ball, and others.

In the spring of 1834, Washington Robinson entered an excellent tract of land across the river from the present site of Orangeville, built a cabin, and in January, 1837, moved in. In November, 1836, he, as proprietor, platted a portion of section 12, and named the tract Orangeville. Here, in the spring of 1837, Platter and others opened the first store in the county. Other early settlers were Gavin Hamilton, long known as the owner of the Orange Mills; Lott Herrick, the first Probate Judge of DeKalb County; George Barney, for four years Treasurer of the county; James Hadsell, Cornelius Woodcox,

R. J. Dawson, John Blair and sons, Charles Wilbur, William Burley, Joseph Ludwick, Judge Walden, Samuel Widney (one of the first Board of Commissioners), John P. Widney, Rev. Benjamin Alton and Dr. Babcock. James Hadsell was one of the most useful pioneers of Concord, filled several responsible offices, was a minister of the Disciples church, and was the main builder of the brick structure in Waterloo, where he died during the winter of 1877.

Nelson Ulm, one of the oldest residents of the county, moved here in 1834 and settled on the present site of Spencerville. He tells of helping drive from Fort Wayne in the fall of 1834 the first hogs and cows ever brought to Spencerville, eight hogs and one cow for David Butler, and two cows for Dan Rhodes, both of whom are deceased. Dan Yates, then living at Spencerville, was the first white settler there, for whom Mr. Ulm worked during the fall of 1834 and subsequent winter. During that same winter Mr. Yates sent Mr. Ulm to Fort Wayne to mill. He took two bushels of corn on a hand-sled, making the distance in two days, camping on the bank of the river near where the Feeder dam now is, drawing the sled on the ice, the river being the only highway at that time.

In the fall of 1835 he had a big tramp after Yates' and Rhodes' horses, which were allowed to roam the woods in quest of something to eat. The horses failing to put in an appearance at the usual time, he started to bring them in, striking their trail on Bear Creek, followed them up the river where Newville now stands, crossed the river where the United Brethren church has since been erected, left the trail and returned to Daniel Rhodes', where he staid all night. Early the following morning he struck the trail and followed the same all day without any success, camping that night near Maumee River. Awakening in the night, he found that the horses in their wanderings came up to where he was then camping. He got up, bridled two of the horses and hitched them to some saplings and retired. He started home, leading one horse, carrying gun and knapsack, striking the St. Joseph River near where Hursh's mills now are. In consequence of riding bareback, with heavy load, and it raining all the time, the horse's back became surfeited, and in time the hair all came off its back.

Starting for Houlton's mill on Fish Creek in the fall of 1834 after a raft of lumber, he arrived at the mill, and, with the assistance of Mr. Houlton, succeeded in getting back with a raft without accident. Stopping near the mouth of Buck Creek, he found the skeletons of two deer, their horns so interlocked that it was impossible to separate them. He supposed that they had been fighting and had become so entangled that separation was impossible, and had so died. From this incident Mr. Ulm gave the creek the name of Buck Creek, the name it still bears.

The following catalogue of Concord's early settlers was prepared by J. D. Leighty, of St. Joe, and reported to the pioneers' meeting in June, 1883. It is believed to be nearly complete.

Those who came in 1833 were Samuel Wasson and David Butler; 1834, Nelson Ulm, Mrs. Polly Rhodes, Jeremiah Rhodes, Mrs. Jeremiah Rhodes; 1835, Samuel Draggoo, Cynthia Engle, William Knight, Aseneth Ricketts, Henry Robertson; 1836, William Henderson, Mrs. William Henderson, Jane Lawhead, Charles W. Widney, Mrs. Nancy Wyatt, John Widney, Mrs. Nancy Widney, Elvira Ulm, James H. Abel, Abigail L. Abel, Electa Abel, Mary Hadsell; 1837, Abraham Johnson, Charles Widney, G. W. Woodcox, Solomon Woodcox, Erastus White, Jacob B. White, Ira Picketts, Hugh Wyatt, Jonathan Boyle, Henry J. Abel, Mrs. Samuel Wasson; 1838, H. H. Fales, Mrs. H. H. Fales, George Barney, Mrs. Sophia Moody, Milas Rhodes, E. D. White, Susan White, J. M. Lonsberry, Martha Lawhead, Charles M. Coburn; 1839, Isaac Lawhead, James M. Hamilton, S. L. Widney, Nancy Culbertson, Samuel Lawhead; 1840, Eva Lonsberry, Elizabeth Wineland, Hugh Maxwell, Mary Maxwell, Sarah A. Hull, Maria C. Williams, Harlow Gee, Harmon Gee; 1841, O. H. Widney, William Draggoo, Amand Meese, Rebecca Smith, George Maxwell, Betsey A. Leighty, John Wyatt, S. E. Parsons; 1842, Daniel Butler, David Butler, Mary A. Widney, Jane Jenkins, Mrs. Erastus White, Elizabeth Widney, Jacob Dermott, Moses Perry; 1843, Jack Moody, Jonas Emanuel, Benjamin Hursh, Mrs. M. Widney, Robert Culbertson, J. M. Milliman, Mary Milliman; 1844, Margaret Stewart, John Leighty, Mrs. John Leighty, Sol. Barney, Henry Jenkins, William Leighty, J. D. Leighty, Levi Sechler, Mary Sechler, Lizzie Chaney; 1845, Catherine Silberg, Robert Johnson, Sep. Hull, John W. Dills, George W. Draggoo, Mary Ann Koch, Adeline Showalter, Catherine Jenkins.

The following are some of the early officials of Concord Township:

Justices of the Peace.—John Blair, Ebenezer Coburn, George Barney, Jeremiah Rhodes, John Bates, Asher Coburn, James Draggoo, Moses Perry, Lorenzo Dawson and Robert Culbertson.

Constables.—Gardner Mellindy, W. Monroe, Uriah Miller, Henry Fales, Eben Smith, D. Harrington, James Smith, J. Z. Henderson, Samuel Flint, Moses Boyles, John Smith, D. Andrews, Michael Knight, W. R. Drake.

Trustees.—S. Widney, John Blair, Ebenezer Coburn, Asher Coburn, J. P. Widney, J. E. Shilling, James Hadsell, Asa Fletcher, John F. Coburn, William Monroe, Michael Silberg, John Helmick, Moses Perry, Jonathan Boyles, Bushrod Catlin, Romeo Catlin, W. Horner, James Draggoo, John Shutt, Jacob Dills.

Assessors.—Jeremiah Rhodes, John A. Chillis.

Spencerville is a thriving village, though not on a railroad, and though one of the oldest points in the county, shows no signs of decay. Its business firms are as follows: Barney & Eirick, dry goods and hardware; Peter Bishop, dry goods; Olds & Carnes, general merchandise; J. A. Provines, drugs; Dr. Jonas Emanuel, drugs; George Wise, blacksmith; Batz & Son, blacksmiths; Smith & Son, blacksmiths; Beems Bros., undertaking goods and furniture; Murray Bros., saw and grist mill; Moody, Hollobaugh & Steward, saw mill and tile factory; Stephen Silberg, barber; Henry Myers, cooper; Mr. Chaney, wagon shop; Chaney Bros., meat market; J. R. Nichols, hotel, insurance and notary public; George Barney, Justice of the Peace; Mr. Shaubaugh, shoemaker; Luther Jones, shoemaker; O. W. Rummel, harness maker; John Somers, harness maker; Murray Bros., handle factory; J. A. Provines is Postmaster, and the medical profession is here represented by Drs. J. E. Emanuel, Jacob Hull and Houghton. Spencerville has two churches. The M. E. denomination has a brick structure built in 1883, at a cost of $3,000. Previous to this a frame church was used. The pulpit is filled at present by a minister who resides at Leo. The Evangelical Lutherans have a frame church, twenty years old, which cost about $2,000. The pastor is Rev. E. K. Baker.

St. Joe is a station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Though a small place, it has come to be an important business center, and one of the best grain shipping points in the county. Its business firms include the following enumerated: J. D. Leighty, dry goods; S. & T. Barney, dry goods; Case & Olds, dry goods; W. C. Patterson, drugs; M. Testeson, groceries; Augustus Copp, blacksmith; S. Wineland, handle and shingle factory; Filley & Lounsberry, saw-mill; Jos. Baker, barber; William Curie, butcher; Chaney Bros., meat market; Harry Meek, cooper; Mr. Meek, painter; Wm. Bohls, wagon shop; David Grill, machinist; Mr. Brooks, shoemaker; A. Zern, shoemaker; L. A. Bartlett, millinery; Ed. White, livery; Aug. Kinsey, furniture; Hart Bros., brick yard; C. A. Washler, saloon; Wm. Stamen, timber dealer; M. T. Bishop, lumber dealer; J. H. Conrad, tinner; E. W. Boyles, stone mason and plasterer; Arch. Evans, stone mason and plasterer; Wm. Leighty, hotel; G. W. Woodcox, Justice of the Peace; James A. Reed, Constable; A. C. Donaldson, builder and carpenter; James A. Reed, carpenter; B. S. Sheffer, physician; H. W. Bowman, physician; M. T. Bishop, Postmaster. The village has one church, the Evangelical Lutheran, built in 1881, at a cost of $1,500. The present pastor is Rev. E. W. Baker; he was preceded by Rev. E. W. Eirick.

Concord had a population by the last census (1880) of 1,623, or 45 to the square mile. This is a gain of 151 over the population in 1870. The rate of taxation in 1884 is $1.81; poll tax, $1.25; acres of land, 22,591.47; value of lands, $399,595; value of improvements, $43,915; value of lands and improvements, $443,510; value of lots, $2,287; value of improvements, $16,670; value of lots and improvements, $18,957; value of personal property, $126,990; total value of taxables, $589,457; number of polls, 328; total amount of taxes, $11,244.02. The valuation per capita is $368.10. The number of children of school age enumerated is 399.

In 1881 this township had in wheat 3,366 acres, producing seven bushels to the acre, or 23,562 bushels; in corn, 2,134 acres, producing 25 bushels to the acre on upland, and 40 bushels on bottom land, in all, 49,100 bushels; in oats, 969 acres, producing 30 bushels to the acre, or 29,070 bushels; in meadow, 1,029 acres, producing a ton and a half per acre, or 1,543 tons; in potatoes, 66 acres, producing 30 bushels to the acre, or 1,980 bushels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

George H. Abel, deceased, was born in Trumbull County,

Township, is a native of Lehigh County, Pa., born June 26, 1812, a son of Jacob and Mary (Fusselman) Sechler, natives of Pennsylvania, of French and German descent. He was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education, and remained with his parents till after attaining his majority. In 1837 he started for the West, and with the exception of crossing the lakes made the entire journey to De Kalb County on foot, being nearly four weeks on the way. He entered eighty acres of land in the wilderness, and during the summer helped his brother clear and improve a piece of land. The following fall he walked back to his native county and remained there till 1853, when he returned to De Kalb County and began to improve his land. He has added to his first entry, and now has a fine farm of 100 acres all under cultivation. He was married in February, 1839, to Mary Kistler, a native of Lehigh County, Pa., and to them have been born eleven children—Catherine, William (deceased), James, Levi, Jacob, Mary, Emma, Henry, Franklin, Susan, and Rosetta. Mr. and Mrs. Sechler are members of the German Reformed church. In politics he and his sons cast their suffrage with the Democratic party.

J. R. Shilling, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is a native of this township, born Nov. 4, 1851, a son of Solomon Shilling, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County. He was reared a farmer but was given a good education, attending the district schools and later the Auburn and Spencerville High Schools. Before reaching his majority he began teaching, and followed the vocation winters for eight years, working on the farm in the summer. In February, 1880, he bought the farm in Concord Township where he now lives, which contains eighty acres of choice land all under cultivation. He is industrious and enterprising, and is one of the representative young farmers of the township. He was married March 4, 1879, to Alice J. Gill, a daughter of John Gill. They have one child, Cecil Guy, born April 5, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Shilling are members of the Protestant Methodist church, and he has been Superintendent of the Sabbath-school the past three years. In politics he is a Republican.

Solomon Shilling, one of the most successful and enterprising citizens of Concord Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 15, 1823, a son of Adam and Mary (Roan) Shilling. He was reared and educated in his native county, remaining on his

father's farm till 1850, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on 160 acres of wild land which his father had previously entered from the Government, on section 19, Concord Township. He built a cabin into which he moved his family and began to clear and improve his land. He has been an energetic and hard working man, and has accumulated a large property, adding to his land from time to time, and now has 400 acres all well improved. For the past thirty years in addition to farming he has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, being the oldest stock dealer in the county. In 1872 Mr. Shilling was elected Township Trustee and in 1874 was re-elected, serving four years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. They have had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom are living—Daniel, J. R., William, Mary E., Sarah A., Adam, Francis, Hiram E., John, Vienna L., and Dora. A daughter died in infancy. In politics Mr. Shilling has affiliated with the Republican party since its organization.

Levi Showalter was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 4, 1838, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Hoff) Showalter. The former died in January, 1884, aged eighty years, and the latter still lives on the old homestead, age eighty years. In 1859 Levi Showalter came to Indiana and located in Steuben County. He had learned the blacksmith's trade in his native county and worked at it in Steuben County one winter. He then returned to Ohio, walking from Angola to Ft. Wayne and carrying his baggage. He remained in Wayne County till the fall of 1861 and then came to De Kalb County, and the following spring, March 27, was married to Clarinda, daughter of Joseph Shilling, an old settler of Concord Township. After his marriage he went to Huntington County, Ind., and lived a year on an unimproved farm of his father's. He then returned to De Kalb County and bought eighty acres of partially improved land in Wilmington Township, and two years later moved to Steuben County, and engaged in farming two years. Then moved to Angola and worked at his trade two years, and then again engaged in farming eight years. In the spring of 1876 he sold his property and went to Ohio and carried on the old homestead for his father a year. In 1877 he bought the old Shilling homestead which was entered by Mrs. Showalter's grandfather, Adam Shilling. This farm contains 160 acres of choice land and the im-

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ent day. Nor have gar pike ("gars") existed here since the advent of mill-dams.

Sucker Family.—To this family belong the buffalo (rare), red-horse (occasional) and the white sucker (also occasional). Black suckers and mullets still thrive in some parts of Indiana, but not here.

Catfish Family.—Fish of this family are still common, but are small, weighing only a pound or two. We can scarcely name the species in English. Perhaps we may say the channel, or mud catfish, the blue and the yellow, the bull-head and one or two other small species are found here. The yellow are the most common.

Minor Sorts.—Besides the above, there are several varieties of chubs, silver sides, and large numbers of other species denominated minnows, which are found in the smallest spring branches as well as the larger streams.

Fish planting has not yet been introduced into this county.

REPTILES.

Of the twenty-three species of *Snakes* that have existed in this State, and probably in this county, several of the largest have been about exterminated. Only two of them are venomous, namely, the copperhead and the massanger. Very few of these are to be found at the present day. The smaller species are useful animals, like toads, in destroying mice, moles and other vermin, and are preserved by intelligent farmers on this account.

Of *Lizards* there are very few in this section. Those creatures which resemble them are innocent salamanders, and are really as useful as toads in the destruction of flies and other insects. There are eighteen species of these animals in Indiana. The largest attains a length of eight inches, and is black, with large, irregular yellow spots. Another large species is entirely yellow; another of a brilliant vermilion haunts cold springs. The second in size is the "mud alligator," or "water dog," a frequent annoyance to fishermen. Still another species has external gills, for respiration in water, thus resembling pollywogs.

Of *Frogs* there are five species, and of toads five. Four are tree toads. One species of frog is subterranean, excavating its burrows backward with its hind feet, which are shovel formed. It comes to the surface early to breed, after thunder showers in April, in the evening, when it is easily recognized by its loud, discordant notes.

CHAPTER III.

PIONEER HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES.

Early Settlement.—Pioneers before 1836.—Locating the County Seat.—Early Commissioners' Meetings.—Early Incidents.—Indian Scares.—The Nearest Mill.—Provisions Scarce.—The Log Cabin.—Hand Labor.—Handspike Farming.—"Windrow" Planting.—First Preacher.—First Religious Meetings.—Early Preachers and Religious Progress.—First Events.—A Backwoods Judge.—More of the Pioneers.—The Flood.—Navigating the Desert with a Pocket Compass.—Gunpowder Tea.—A Bridal Tour.—All Well but Fourteen!—Sufferings of Mr. Osburn.—Family Mills.—Primitive School-Houses.—A Rascally Parody.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The early history of this county, like that of many other counties, has not been handed down to us with that degree of minuteness that would prove interesting to the readers of the present day. Authentic records of its early settlement do not appear, and the few who participated in the scenes of that period have long since been gathered to their fathers. Yet there is a lively interest still manifested in the narration of the severe battles fought and victories won over the huge obstacles presented by rude nature, and if there is nothing new to offer the oft-repeated tale has a charm about it that never wearies, and the thrilling adventure and humorous incident are sources of enjoyment that captivate and enchain the most indifferent.

When we look over the beautiful fields and fertile valleys of the present day and see the evidences of improvement and enterprise on every hand, we are prone to ignore the terrible sufferings and privations that fell to the lot of those who struck the first blows and inaugurated the plans that brought those great achievements.

No cultivated fields nor happy homes greeted the eye; no civilized voices fell upon the ear to cheer the heart with joy; but all

was desolation in the midst of nature's luxuriousness. It is a matter worthy of remark that indomitable will and perseverance must have entered more largely into the composition of these early settlers than is observable in the various classes that now populate our country. Be this as it may, it was their great stock in hand, and to this we are indebted to-day for the pleasant homes they now leave for the more glorious and peaceful one that shall last during the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Far removed from the influence and association of home and friends, with nothing but the deep silence of the mighty forest as their companion, they struck the first blows for civilization and improvement, and by Herculean efforts carved out in the depth of the wilderness the rude but comfortable homes as the first fruits of their labor.

PIONEERS BEFORE 1836.

Very few settlers were within the bounds now embraced by De Kalb County in the early part of the year 1836. The following list is believed to be complete: Homer Blake, who settled on the tract of land for a long time afterward occupied by his son, Henry Blake, below Spencerville; David Butler, one of the last of the pioneers to "bid farewell to scenes of earth;" John Mathews, on a tract of land afterward forming a part of the home farm of Hon. R. J. Dawson; Mr. Yates, on another portion of said farm, and the present site of Spencerville; old Mr. Rhodes and sons, on the farm joining Spencerville on the west; Jeremiah Rhodes, on the farm afterward owned by Mr. Melton, on Bear Creek; Daniel Rhodes, on the farm occupied by his widow; Mr. Brandt and Crannel Rood, on the farm in the bend of the river east of Spencerville; William Mathews, on the farm where Jacob Dills afterward resided; George and David Mathews, on a tract on the opposite side of the river from William; Mr. Lytle and Jared Ball, on the farm afterward owned by Gavin Hamilton, one mile below Orangeville; Washington Robinson, on the present site of Newville; and William Rodgers and Jacob Platter, on the farm belonging to Samuel Wyatt, near Newville.

De Kalb County was as yet unorganized, a portion of its territory being attached to Lagrange, and a portion to Allen. Early in the year 1836, John Blair, Esq., settled on the farm where he died; Charles Wilber, on the farm owned later by old Mr. Hall, near Orangeville; William Burley, at the present site of the last

named village; Joseph Ludwig, on the farm where he lived death: Judge Walden, a little farther up the river, and Ariel Rood, still further up. A little later in the season Judge Samuel Widney settled on the farm where he died, and John P. Widney on the farm owned afterward by Gardner Melendy, at Newville; Benjamin Alton, on the farm since owned by Dr. Herrington; Dr. Babcock, a little below, on the farm afterward occupied by Mr. Scoles; and Asher Coburn and relatives, in the Coburn settlement.

During the same season Wesley Park settled on the site of Auburn, and laid out the town. Settlers began to push through the woods into various parts of the county, and the latter was given a civil organization.

LOCATING THE COUNTY SEAT.

In the winter of 1836–'7 the act organizing De Kalb County was passed by the Legislature, and there seemed an active competition for the county seat between Messrs. Rogers and Hamilton, and Messrs. Park and Howe. The former parties bought land, laid out a town plat, staked off lots and gave their site the name of Centerville. The eligible site laid out by Park, in conjunction with Judge John Howe (of Lima, Lagrange County), on the west bank of Cedar Creek, two miles south and three miles west of the center of the new county, was a formidable competitor for public favor, and when Messrs. Littlefield, of Lagrange, Gilmore, of Steuben, and Robert Work, of Allen, were appointed Commissioners to locate a county seat, Auburn was duly selected. Centerville, like many another such site, was never built up, and it now makes good farming land.

EARLY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS.

The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners of De Kalb County was held July 25, 1837, and the two members of that board were Peter Fair and Samuel Widney. At this meeting, which was in the house of Wesley Park, at Auburn, as also were the succeeding sessions for a number of years, the first step taken was to appoint Wesley Park their Clerk *pro tem.* The same man was appointed County Treasurer for a year; Byron Bunnel was named as County Agent; John Blair was given the office of Assessor; and Lanslot Ingman was made Collector of Taxes. The first legislative act was then passed, prescribing the boundaries of Franklin Township as follows: "Commencing at the northeast

corner of said county (De Kalb); thence west to the corners of ranges 13 and 14 east, townships 35 and 36 north; then south six miles to township 34 north, ranges 13 and 14 east; thence east on the town line to the east line of said county; thence north to the place of beginning; the above shall constitute the first township in De Kalb County." Provision was made for organizing this township by an election to be held the first Monday in August following, and Peter Boyer was appointed Inspector of Elections, Isaac T. Aldrich, Constable, and John Holton, Supervisor.

The "second session but first regular" was held at the same place, Sept. 4, 1837. There was present a full board: Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and Isaac F. Beecher. John F. Coburn was Clerk, and Wesley Park, Sheriff. "Being detained by unavoidable circumstances from transacting business," they adjourned until the following day. On reassembling according to appointment, Samuel Eakright was chosen Road Commissioner for the county; after which an order was passed "that the congressional township 34 north, range 13 east, be organized as a township for judicial (civil) purposes, to be known by the name of Union Township, and that townships 34 and 35 north, range 12 east, and townships 33 and 35 north, range 13 east, be attached thereto." It was also "ordered that Wesley Park be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Union Township, and all the lands lying within said township are allotted to said district."

Further, it was "ordered that the congressional township 34 north, range 14 east, be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township, to be known by the name of Wilmington Township." Byron Bunnel was appointed Supervisor.

And again, it was "ordered that the congressional township 33 north, range 12 east, be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township, to be known by the name of Butler Township." Andrew Surface was appointed Supervisor.

It was at this meeting that money was first appropriated for current expenses of the county. The first order drawn was for $50.84, in favor of Wesley Park, and was to pay for these items: $8.00 for services as Sheriff previous to the first session of the board, and as Clerk during that session; $16.69 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State Road and $26.15 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Goshen and Defiance State Road." Wesley McCan was allowed $2.96 for services as axman in laying out road; Martin Van Fleet, $2.96 for acting as chainman at the same time; Lanslot Ingman, 31¼ cents for similar work; William Park, 31¼ cents as chainman, and $4.75 for laying out the Goshen and Defiance State Road; Seth W. Murray, $7.23 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State Road; and Joseph Miller, $26.21½ for surveying both the above mentioned roads. Joseph Miller was appointed the first County Surveyor.

The only other business transacted at this first regular meeting was the allowance of the commissioners' *per diem*, an item which comes up as regularly as the board's meetings, several times each year. While the present system seems to cost quite a sum in the course of a year, it is nevertheless much less expensive than that in practice in Michigan, Illinois and other States, where, instead of three commissioners, there are from fifteen to twenty-five supervisors to draw mileage and pay.

The second regular session of the board was held in November, and, the governmental machinery of the county being now fairly set in motion, was pretty much like the sessions that have since been held at the appointed times for the transaction of routine business. At this second meeting Wesley Park was appointed School Commissioner for the county.

At the January session, 1838, Jackson Township was erected out of township 33 north, range 13 east, and John Watson was named as Inspector of Elections. An unique scale of licenses was adopted, fixing a "tavern license at $20; each license to vend wooden clocks, $60; each license to exhibit a caravan, menagerie or other collection of animals, or show of wax figures, or circus, for each day, $40." The license of $60 for selling wooden clocks seems strangely large to us, who can go to any jewelry store and buy a clock for $1.50, as far superior in value as inferior in price to the sort distributed by the shrewd Yankee peddler of a half a century ago.

During the latter part of 1837 De Kalb Township was organized, including the present township of Concord, and the fractional townships of Stafford and Newville. In March, 1838, the fractional township 34 north, range 15 east (now Stafford), was detached from De Kalb and annexed to Wilmington for civil purposes, and the name of De Kalb was changed to Concord, which application it has now borne for nearly forty-seven years.

In those days nearly all business men were obliged to pay licenses, of various amounts, in addition to their ordinary taxes.

Grocers, even, were laid under contribution, for March 7, 1838, in the commissioners' record, an order was entered "that the tax assessed to Thomas J. Freeman for a license to vend foreign merchandise and foreign and domestic groceries for the current year be 85 cents, it appearing that the amount of his capital employed therein is $170."

Wesley Park resigning the office of School Commissioner, Robert Work was appointed his successor.

At the May session, 1838, the amount of bond for each constable in the county was fixed at $500. The sum of $2,000 was also appropriated from the three per cent. fund for roads, as follows: $800 for the Goshen and Defiance State Road; $800 for the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State Road; and $400 for the State road on the northwest side of the St. Joseph River. Several bridges were also ordered built. At the same session the commissioners fixed the poll tax for 1838 at 75 cents, and the property tax at $1.35 on each $100 valuation. Of this $1.35, 85 cents was for county revenue, and 50 cents for road purposes.

EARLY INCIDENTS.

On the following pages we give a collection of early incidents and anecdotes, and reminiscences of old settlers, obtained from various sources, but to a large extent extracted from a pamphlet published twenty-five years ago by Rev. S. W. Widney, entitled "Pioneer Sketches."

Many difficulties had to be encountered in getting into the country in an early day. If the emigrant came with wagons, he had to cut and make his own road. If he came by the river he sometimes met with a shipwreck, an instance of which we will now relate:

Judge Widney was from Central Pennsylvania, and came by canal to the Allegheny Mountains; over the mountains by steam, ascending and descending those inclined planes; then again by canal to Dayton, Ohio; thence by wagons through (not over) that horrible, *horrible* black swamp to Fort Wayne. From thence he and his wife passed up the Indian trail on horseback along the St. Joseph River, while the family, in the care of John P. Widney and wife, embarked in the pirogue of Judge Walden and Thomas Gorrell, who were down for some provisions. The craft was "poled" safely (though the load was heavy) until they reached a ripple in the river, near David Butler's place, when the bow of the boat being turned by the rapid current, the water struck the side and capsized the concern. Down went the pirogue, leaving crew and passengers, great and small, floundering in water waist deep to a common-sized man; and the goods floated down the river in sublime confusion. Some of the larger children succeeded in paddling ashore, while the wife of John P. Widney (now sleeping in the Auburn graveyard) seized a child five years old (afterward Mr. Widney's second wife) and upheld her in the water until the men succeeded in helping all ashore. The goods were then caught at different points down the river. A trunk containing $800 in bank bills floated down perhaps half a mile, and when the runaway was caught, the bills were completely saturated with the water and had to be dried at the fire.

As another instance of difficulties in getting into the country, it is worth relating that Joseph Miller, the first County Surveyor for De Kalb County, and his father, brought a part of their goods by the way of Fort Wayne to Shryock's mill. And from thence to the farm (afterward owned by Mr. Ditmer), one mile below Auburn, they had to cut their way through the dense forest. Having left the balance of their goods and their families on the Maumee, they struck through the woods, directly east, by means of a pocket compass, to the St. Joseph, going around the worst swamps, and then cut a road all the way back, some twelve miles, for their wagons to pass, having to bridge a tamarack swamp on the way. This road was known as "Miller's trace" for years afterward, and served as a highway for many emigrants. It was where the road now runs, westward from the St. Joseph River, at Judge Widney's.

INDIAN SCARES.

We quote from "Pioneer Sketches:"—"Many of the settlers had never seen an Indian before coming here; but they had heard and read much of their savage barbarity. During the years 1835 '6-'7-'8 many of these red men still lingered in their native forests, generally in large companies or camps. They were an object of terror to many of the settlers, especially to the women and children, as singly or in caravans they passed from one camp to another. To add to the terror, at first, the screams of a great owl, unknown in the East but abounding in the Western woods, were taken for the 'whoops' of savages.

"Well do I remember a night in the fall of 1837, spent in terror of the Indians. I had been in the county six months, but

as yet had seen very few of them. My widowed mother, with six children younger than myself (and I not yet seventeen years of age), bought and settled on the farm spoken of on another page as belonging to Dr. Babcock. Here an Indian trail crossed the river, and on the other side was a house where liquor was sold. Soon after nightfall the real whoops were heard away in the south woods. The sound drew continually nearer, and increased in volume, till our fears pictured a whole army of savages coming to murder us. We put out all the lights, fastened the doors, and concealed ourselves in different parts of the house. Soon the Indians were tramping around the house, and their torches gleaming through the windows. We almost held our breath with fear. Soon, however, they passed by, down to the river, and taking our canoe, crossed over and their whoops died away, drowned in the Indians' favorite beverage, 'good old rye.' But our rest was spoiled for the night, as we continually dreaded their return.

"Afterward, however, we became better acquainted with the 'poor Indian' as a camp of some forty men, squaws and papooses, spent four or five weeks in their tents, within twenty rods of the house, visiting us, or we them, daily. The men spent their time hunting, dressing their game, gambling, or lying around the fire like dogs. The women chopped the wood, made the fires and waited on their lords and masters, while the children shot birds with their bows and arrows. Joe Richardville, son of the celebrated chief, was in the camp dressed partly like an Indian and partly in the European costume. His college education failed to make anything out of him but an Indian."

THE NEAREST MILL

and market was at Fort Wayne, about twenty-six miles from the center of the river settlement, by land, and nearly as far again by the winding river. There was no wagon road as yet, and the river was the great thoroughfare. It was navigated by means of pirogues—large canoes dug out of the huge towering poplars abounding along the river. They were sometimes three or four feet wide, and seventy or eighty feet long, and would carry quite a burden. They were propelled by means of poles and paddles. Coming up the river with a load when the water was high was very hard work, especially if the river was too high to reach the bottom with poles of a convenient length.

Mr. Rhodes, of Newville, and Samuel Wason, of Spencerville, had to pull a loaded pirogue nearly all the way from Fort Wayne to where Spencerville now is, by laying hold of the willows and other bushes along the margin of the water. The entire voyage occupied a week. John P. Widney and some others came up with a load of provisions late in November, 1836, when the river was swollen with the fall rains, and the "slush ice" was running, and ice froze on the poles whenever they drew them out of water. These icy poles had to be used with bare hands, as gloves or mittens could not be used. In this way it required a full week to come up.

Provisions were very scarce and dear at Fort Wayne at the time. Flour rose to $14 per barrel, and sometimes "wormy" at that. Corn was $1.50 per bushel in the ear, and much of it rotten. Salt was $2.25 per bushel, and other things in proportion.

PROVISIONS SCARCE.

Living thus distant from mill and market, and that market so high, it may be readily imagined that the settlers would all sometimes be reduced to straights in the provision line; and that those scarce of cash must necessarily have seen very hard times in that respect. Such was actually the case. There were but few families in the settlement but that sometimes were pinched with hunger, without the immediate means on hand to satisfy it. Several days together had nearly all of them sometimes to subsist upon potatoes instead of bread, and some would even have been glad to get potatoes.

It was reported that one family, now in comfortable circumstances, had to live several weeks on vegetables gathered from the woods, and cooked as "greens," with milk and beech bark. Imagine to yourself the cabin of the settler visited in such circumstances by severe fevers and agues, sometimes prostrating the whole family for weeks, and one will not wonder that some were discouraged, and wished themselves back again at their comfortable Eastern homes.

THE LOG CABIN.

We have log houses occasionally, in our day, but few of us know much of the primitive forest home, and how it was made. Here is a sketch of one. Say we have it sixteen feet by eighteen in size, and just high enough for the joists below the first rib, and

then "cobbled off," as usual. One man cuts the logs in perhaps half a day, or at most a day. Another, with a yoke of cattle and a log chain, "snakes" them out, as fast as cut, to the little spot cleared off for the cabin. The next day they cut a large white oak that will "rive," and saw it into blocks four feet long. These are split into "bolts," and these bolts riven into "shakes" or clapboards. The next day the neighbors come in, from five or six miles around, and throw up the logs, and notch them down in their natural rough state, and one man, perhaps, "kutches down" the inside of the logs as fast as they are put down in their place, while yet another cuts a straight-grained ash, and splits puncheons two inches thick, for the floor, and dresses off one side with his ax. Before night the house is "cobbed off," the clapboards are laid on the ribs, and the heavy "weight poles" laid on to keep them in their place, and "knees" placed to keep these poles from rolling down, these knees commencing against the "butting poles" at the eave of the cabin, which butting pole is laid on the "eave bearer" (projecting some two feet on each side of the building), against large pines driven into these eave bearers. The raising being now over, the owner next builds a "back wall" of "nigger heads" (as the rough stones were called), gathered perhaps from a half mile around, as they are sparsely scattered over the surface, or out of the bed of the creek or river; or, perhaps not taking the trouble togather these niggerheads, he builds the wall of "mud," made of clay dug from the inside of the cabin, just in front of where he expects to have his hearth. The wall is, say, six feet wide and four feet high, built against the end wall of the cabin, equi-distant from the corners. Now he seeks a small tree, with a crook similar to a sleigh runner, and cutting it of a proper length splits it for the arms of his chimney.

These are placed on at each end of his back wall, with one end of each arm in a crevice between the logs of the cabin, and the other lodged against the rough joist, the crook being downward, entering the crevice a little below the top of the back wall. Splitting the sticks for his chimney, about the size of plastering lath, he now commences building alternate layers of sticks and mud on the arms above described, about three feet by six at first, but gradually drawing in until it is about two feet by four, and then running up, perpendicularly, until the top of his chimney peers above the roof, out of the hole there left for it. Making his hearth of clay, well beaten down, he next lays his puncheon floor, makes

his clapboard door, or hangs up a quilt in place of it, puts in his six light sash, with glass or greased paper to transmit the light, lays the chamber floor with clapboard, and, behold, he has a house. Now he must furnish it. Well, taking some puncheons left from the floor, he cuts them into square pieces, dresses off one side with his ax, bores holes for the legs, hews out rough sticks for those legs, drives them in and his chairs are made. Cutting some straight ironwood poles, of proper length, for rails and posts, boring holes in those posts with a large augur, hewing off the ends of the rails with his ax to the necessary size, and then driving all together with the same tool, he soon has a bedstead. Stripping a young basswood tree of its bark, and weaving it around and between the rails—lo, the bedstead is corded! Boring holes in the wall, he dresses rough wooden pins, and lays a broad clapboard thereon, and behold his cupboard! To close this description, a "lytle" anecdote is appropriate concerning the "awful abyss:"

John P. Widney had just erected such a cabin as above described, save that it had as yet no floor. His chimney had just been finished, and in building it he had dug a deep hole just between the door and the hearth. He and his wife, seated on a sleeper in front of the fire, were enjoying its genial warmth on a cold December night. The earth was covered with a mantle of snow, and the wind whistled without; but what cared they, in their comfortable dwelling? Two land hunters, Mr. Lytle and another, lost and benighted, were pushing through the snow and brush when the light of the six-pane window, on the tall bluff of Twenty-six Mile Creek, caught their delighted vision, and they waded toward it and plunged waist deep in the swollen creek, thick with snow and ice. Out again, on the other side, their eyes steadfastly fixed on the beacon light. They soon rapped on the logs at the side of the door, and were cordially bade "come in." Turning aside the quilt, they entered; and stepping toward the cheerful fire, they both plunged, together, into the "awful abyss" from which the substance of the chimney had been drawn. And there we will leave them to extricate themselves as best they can, and warm and dry themselves by Mr. Widney's hospitable fire.

HAND LABOR.

In addition to the difficulties and privations endured by the river settlements, as mentioned above, was that of a scarcity of teams. Having as yet raised nothing on which to feed teams

in the winter, they were willing to make many shifts to get along without. "I know," says Mr. Widney, "a highly respected citizen of this county, who has filled several offices and is now considered wealthy, that between the first of January, 1837, and the first day of May following, chopped off five acres of heavy timber, taking it nearly all down, burned the brush, rolled the logs and burned them off, split the rails and carried them to their place on the fence on his shoulders; and thus had his field cleared off and well fenced by the time mentioned above, without having a team in the clearing, except perhaps one day, to draw the remnants of the log heaps together."

His wife was his sole help, he chopping and she often picking the brush. Many nights he worked by moonlight until quite late. He "yankeed" the largest logs together, as he expressed it, having this in view in felling the trees, and carried the smaller logs, or dragged them by one end, or rolled them with a handspike to the heap, as best he could. "When I visited him on the sixth of May, he and his wife were digging holes among the roots with hoes, and putting in seed corn." The crop was tended entirely with the hoe; and in this way he raised a good crop of corn and potatoes, without having a plow in the field.

"HANDSPIKE" FARMING.

It was said that William Mathews raised a good crop of corn, planted with a handspike, and tended with a hoe. His plan of planting was to strike a sharp handspike into the rich soil diagonally, draw it out, drop in the seed, and then press down the soil by stepping on it as he passed on to plant the next hill.

"WINDROW" PLANTING.

The settler often found the season for planting on hand before his clearing was "burned off," and then sometimes the corn or potatoes were planted between the log heaps; sometimes the timber was thrown into "windrows," some three or four rods apart, and the crop planted between the rows, the log being left to be burned when the crop came off.

FIRST PREACHER.

The first settlers were quite destitute of religious privileges. Benjamin Alton, of the Disciples' or Campbellite church, preached the first sermon in the county, as nearly as can be learned, in the fall of 1836. For some time, perhaps nearly a year, he was the only preacher. He had settled in the woods and had to clear his own land and get his provisions in the meantime, often by taking jobs of chopping, yet he generally preached on Sunday.

"He was a man of considerable talent," continues the author of "Pioneer Sketches," "and died some years ago, much lamented. It was said that he used to preach in the summer, in his rough tow-pants, without a coat, and with a shoe on one foot and a boot on the other. This is not strange, when I remember that shoes and boots were so hard to be had that John P. Widney and I, during the summer (1837) I lived with him, could only get one good pair of shoes between us, which we wore alternately on Sunday, one going to meeting and one staying at home; and that John and Hazzard Webster used to come down to Newville, even to election, barefooted."

FIRST MEETINGS.

The first Methodist two days meeting was held nea Orangeville, in 1837, by N. L. Thomas and Joseph Miller, both then residing on the Maumee. Prayer-meetings had been held previously by religiously inclined persons of various denominations, without any distinctions. The origin of the first one is thus related by Judge Widney: "We had been in the country for some-time without knowing that there was a praying person in the settlement besides ourselves, when one Sabbath R. R. Lounsbury and another man returning from Fort Wayne stopped at my house and informed me that Thomos L. Yates (afterward judge) was under conviction, and wished me to come and pray with him. I went, and found quite a mumber of persons n the house.

"I sang and prayed, and while praying noticed that old Father Rhodes was fervently responding to my petitions. I then sang again and called on him to pray, and while he prayed I noticed that the old lady, his wife, was also praying. I next called on her and found that old Mother Yates (mother of the penitent man) was engaged, and so I called on her next, and this closed our meeting. Afterward we held prayer-meeting nearly every Sabbath, at Father Rhodes's, my house, Mr. Lounsbury's, Mr. Eakright's, or some other."

EARLY PREACHERS AND MEETINGS.

"Revs. Coleman and Warner were the first circuit preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church who visited the settlement. I

and let the fox have the weight of it, and of both his hands, as it came over the log in hot pursuit. This ended Reynard's mad career. A drop of his blood alighting on Coats' cheek as it flew warm from the head of the fox, burned like fire.

The following description of the well known "hard winter" is from the pen of the Rev. S. B. Ward:

"The winter of 1842-'3 will long be remembered by the early settlers of the county, and especially those of Wilmington Township. In 1841 and 1842 quite a number of settlers of small means came in, and they had raised but little to live on when the 'hard winter' set in. The fall had been fine, but about the first of November a light snow fell, which mostly went off soon after. On the 17th of the month it set in cold, with high winds and some snow. The snow continued to increase from time to time, until it was nearly two feet deep on the level, with occasional showers and hard freezes, so that it was almost impossible to get about. It snowed a little every day but one through February, and March came in with the severity almost of a polar winter. By this time most of the hay and grain was consumed, and hogs and cattle were daily dying all over the country from starvation. Some settlers lost all their hogs and most of their cattle before feed came in the spring. Very many had to depend on the browse of the tree tops as feed for their cattle for the last two months of cold weather. For the last few days of March, however, even this provision of nature was cut off. When all were anxiously looking for the opening of spring, heart-sick in view of the sufferings of the poor dumb animals, the sleeper in his lone cabin in the midst of the forest was awakened on the night of the 27th of March by the continual crashing of the tree tops, which did not cease until day dawned, when to the dispirited immigrant was revealed the cause of all the commotion of the night.

"It had been raining, freezing as it fell, until the tree tops were broken under their load of ice. That day and for several days it seemed that the cattle must all die; for when the trees were cut down for browse, the small twigs, encased in a hard coat of ice, would break off, with the ice adhering, and mingle with the snow. Besides this, the crust on the snow was so thick and hard that the cattle could hardly get about. The wild animals also suffered almost as much, seemingly, as the domestic ones. It was nothing unusual to see squirrels so reduced as to be easily caught by hand. On election day (first Monday in April) snow was one foot deep in the thick woods, and it was good sleighing on most of the roads. That week, however, sent the snow in another form to Lake Erie or the Gulf of Mexico, and in a few weeks herbage began to appear, and hope sprang up again in the settler's heart. Shame on that man that now complains of hardships, or that does not thank and reverence the hardy pioneer of those forests."

Wilmington was organized Sept. 5, 1837, at the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The board then consisted of Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and A. F. Beecher, who "ordered that the congressional township 34 north, range 14 east be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township to be known by the name of Wilmington Township." They also directed "that Byron Bunnel be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Wilmington Township, and all the hands residing in said township shall be allotted to the same district." In March, 1838, fractional township 34 north, range 15 east (now Stafford), was added to Wilmington for judicial and civil purposes, and a new election was ordered held the first Monday in April following, at the house of Ira Allen, with Milton A. Hull as Inspector.

Early Justices of the Peace in Wilmington Township were: Charles D. Handy, Moses L. Pierson, Daniel B. Mead, P. B. Nimmons, John Moore, Dr. Madden, Ezra Dickinson, Richard Worth, L. A. Benedict and H. C. Colgrove. Early Constables were: Daniel Coats, N. H. Mathews, Jesse Wood, William K. Straight, William Mathews, William Campbell, Edsall Cherry, Noble Cherry, Peter Kester, A. F. Packer, Hiram Freeman, N. W. Delano, Isaac Eakright, W. D. Armstrong, Joseph Norris and John Weaver.

The Trustees, prior to 1860, were: John Helwig, M. L. Pierson, Collins Roberts, Joseph Nodine, Joseph Totten, Asa Sawyer, S. B. Ward, Thomas Fosdick, E. W. Fosdick, Edgar Treman, William Maxwell, Nelson Smurr, Andrew Smith, William H. Thomas, Dr. Madden, Lot B. Coe, N. G. Sewall, G. Maxwell, W. K. Straight, P. B. Nimmons, W. D. Armstrong and A. Cochran.

The population of Wilmington Township is now 1,529, besides Butler (1,117). This is about forty-three to the square mile. The

WAGON ROADS.

Few of the present generation realize the difficulty of traveling in an early day in a wooded country. Now, one can cross the county in three or four hours, over a smooth, hard, level road, and his horses can draw two or three tons with ease. The contrast is as great as possible between this condition of things and that in which the first settlers found the region included in De Kalb County. A dense forest, with thick underbrush and swampy ground, is impenetrable to any but the aborigines who spent their lives in the study of forest craft.

The hardy immigrant, with his small wagon-load of necessary furniture, followed a trail made by the Indians, when possible, and for the last two or three miles cut his own road through the brush and woods, with ax in hand. The road thus made was of the rudest character when dry, and in the spring of the year was well-nigh impassable. At times one's right fore wheel and left hind wheel would be high in air, on stumps or logs; then the fore wheels would plunge into a mud-hole, while the rear of the wagon seemed to mount up toward the clouds. Again, he would side along in a slough, with the mud over the hubs, and suddenly run over a stump. To travel with safety in a wagon, he must brace himself with both feet in the corners of the box, with every muscle in his body in a state of tension, and use both hands to drive, leaving his face, neck and hands entirely at the mercy of the hungry mosquitoes swarming around. Wo to him whose horse mired! Such an accident, or the breaking of a wheel, was always liable to occur, perhaps far from home, on the approach of evening.

The extreme slowness of travel over a newly cut road through the forest, in the wet spring time, is told without exaggeration by a pioneer. He had been to a mill, with a wagon and yoke of oxen, and arrived within one mile of home at seven o'clock in the evening; but that one mile required four hours to cover. On reaching home at eleven o'clock, his wife told him that she had heard him calling to his oxen ever since seven o'clock!

The time and expense consumed in taking a load of wheat or corn to market frequently equaled the value of the produce sold; and one man tells how he sold a load of corn for just enough to pay for his own board in town, and for feeding his oxen.

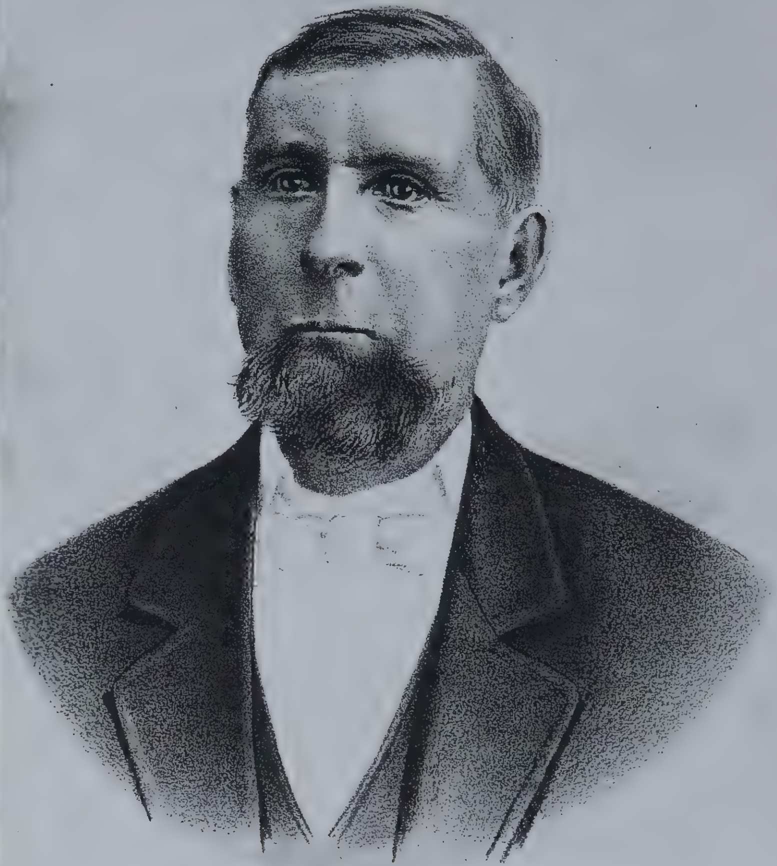
No one thing is more essential to the farmer's prosperity than good roads to market. He may have good soil, well cultivated, good house and out-buildings, improved machinery and cheap labor; but if he is cut off from a buying and selling point, he is helpless, and can only maintain a meager existence, like the stunted Oriental, or the degraded Mexican. The Indians, possessing no wheeled vehicles, carrying on little trade, using no machinery, found the trace or trail all-sufficient for their use. Between the villages of the Pottawatomies and the trading-posts were well-beaten trails. Two main trails traversed the land of De Kalb County. One from White Pigeon forked near Lima, one branch terminating at Fort Wayne, the other leading southeast, and at St. Joseph River intersecting a trail from the east. The other trail, from the direction of Toledo, following a southwesterly course, crossed the Fort Wayne trail near the Lake of the Woods, south of the Tamarack House, a pioneer tavern of Lagrange. The trail was a path worn in places to a depth of six inches by moccasin and pony hoof, and making wide detours for marsh and lake. Traces remain of the White Pigeon trail in the Helwick wood-lot in Fairfield Township.

Pioneer roads followed the trails as far as practicable. Joseph Miller (first County Surveyor) cut a narrow track from the river through to Cedar Creek, below Auburn, and also from Auburn to Blair's mill. Miller stated that the logs were left in the track, and that articles were hauled by oxen attached to a sled constructed as follows: A sapling was cut, having a fork at the top, consisting of stout limbs several feet long; the limbs were used as runners, and the body of the stick formed the tongue; a box was fixed on the runners. Wesley Park and Mr. Miller afterward widened this road to admit the passage of a cart.

In July, 1837, Wesley Park, Cornelius Gilmore and Seth W. Murray were appointed Commissioners to lay out the Coldwater and Fort Wayne State road, running nearly north and south through the county. They did so, making their report Sept. 1. Wesley Park and one Hostetter were to lay out the Goshen and Defiance State road, nearly east and west through the county. The work was performed by Park alone, and the Legislature afterward legalized this. Joseph Miller was the surveyor, and Henry Feagler and John Miller carried the chain. Other first roads were located as follows: The State road from Auburn to Fort Wayne via Vandoler's Mill, by T. L. Yates and Benjamin Miller; the State road from Angola to Fort Wayne, west of Auburn, by Daniel Moody, Solomon Showers and Henry Miller; a road on the southwest side of Fish Creek, by Simon Aldrich, Peter Boyer and Roger Aldrich; a road on the northwest side of the St. Joseph River was surveyed by R. J. Dawson, and afterward corrected by John Blair, John Webster and Hector Blake; and a road from Enterprise to Uniontown by Daniel Kepler, Michael Boyer and John Farlee.

At the May session of 1838, the commissioners appropriated $2,000 from the three per cent. fund, as follows: $800 on the Fort Wayne and Coldwater road; $800 on the Goshen and Defiance road; and $400 on the State road on the northwest side of the St. Joseph River. The commissioner of the three per cent. fund was also directed to have constructed a bridge over the Big Cedar Creek north of the village of Auburn, where it was crossed by the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State road; another over the Little Cedar Creek, near the house of Joseph Stroup, where it crossed the State road; another over the Big Cedar Creek, at the crossing of Goshen and Defiance State road, near Auburn; a bridge over each of the three principal branches of the West Branch of Cedar Creek, where it was crossed by the same road; and a bridge over the Twenty-six Mile Creek, where it was crossed by the State road near the house of Byron Bunnel.

These first bridges were poor affairs, and though built at little expense, were more costly in the end than the bridges which have since taken their places all over the county, particularly the fine bridges at Newville, Waterloo, and Auburn. In 1842 Isaac Swarthout and J. R. Corper, while journeying to visit at Kendallville, crossed with a yoke of oxen and a two-horse wagon a bridge over Cedar Creek, which Joseph Miller had built for $300. This wagon was the first to cross the structure, and its weight broke a stringer. Hiram Iddings had previously crossed it in a one-horse buggy. But with increasing experience and growing wealth, more was done each year on roads and bridges; and now, after an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, highways in a good state of repair reach into every portion of the county. Much remains to be done yet, however, and the next ten years will doubtless witness wondrous improvements.



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CHAPTER III.

PIONEER HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES.

Early Settlement. — Pioneers before 1836. — Locating the County Seat.—Early Commissioners' Meetings.—Early Incidents.— Indian Scares.— The Nearest Mill.—Provisions Scarce.—The Log Cabin.—Hand Labor.—Handspike Farming.—"Windrow" Planting.—First Preacher.—First Religious Meetings.—Early Preachers and Religious Progress. —First Events.—A Backwoods Judge.—More of the Pioneers.—The Flood.—Navigating the Desert with a Pocket Compass.—Gunpowder Tea.—A Bridal Tour.—All Well but Fourteen! — Sufferings of Mr. Osburn. — Family Mills.— Primitive School-Houses.—A Rascally Parody.

EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The early history of this county, like that of many other counties, has not been handed down to us with that degree of minuteness that would prove interesting to the readers of the present day. Authentic records of its early settlement do not appear, and the few who participated in the scenes of that period have long since been gathered to their fathers. Yet there is a lively interest still manifested in the narration of the severe battles fought and victories won over the huge obstacles presented by rude nature, and if there is nothing new to offer the oft-repeated tale has a charm about it that never wearies, and the thrilling adventure and humorous incident are sources of enjoyment that captivate and enchain the most indifferent.

When we look over the beautiful fields and fertile valleys of the present day and see the evidences of improvement and enterprise on every hand, we are prone to ignore the terrible sufferings and privations that fell to the lot of those who struck the first blows and inaugurated the plans that brought those great achievements.

No cultivated fields nor happy homes greeted the eye; no civilized voices fell upon the ear to cheer the heart with joy; but all

was desolation in the midst of nature's luxuriousness. It is a matter worthy of remark that indomitable will and perseverance must have entered more largely into the composition of these early settlers than is observable in the various classes that now populate our country. Be this as it may, it was their great stock in hand, and to this we are indebted to-day for the pleasant homes they now leave for the more glorious and peaceful one that shall last during the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Far removed from the influence and association of home and friends, with nothing but the deep silence of the mighty forest as their companion, they struck the first blows for civilization and improvement, and by Herculean efforts carved out in the depth of the wilderness the rude but comfortable homes as the first fruits of their labor.

PIONEERS BEFORE 1836.

Very few settlers were within the bounds now embraced by De Kalb County in the early part of the year 1836. The following list is believed to be complete: Homer Blake, who settled on the tract of land for a long time afterward occupied by his son, Henry Blake, below Spencerville; David Butler, one of the last of the pioneers to "bid farewell to scenes of earth;" John Mathews, on a tract of land afterward forming a part of the home farm of Hon. R. J. Dawson; Mr. Yates, on another portion of said farm, and the present site of Spencerville; old Mr. Rhodes and sons, on the farm joining Spencerville on the west; Jeremiah Rhodes, on the farm afterward owned by Mr. Melton, on Bear Creek; Daniel Rhodes, on the farm occupied by his widow; Mr. Brandt and Crannel Rood, on the farm in the bend of the river east of Spencerville; William Mathews, on the farm where Jacob Dills afterward resided; George and David Mathews, on a tract on the opposite side of the river from William; Mr. Lytle and Jared Ball, on the farm afterward owned by Gavin Hamilton, one mile below Orangeville; Washington Robinson, on the present site of Newville; and William Rodgers and Jacob Platter, on the farm belonging to Samuel Wyatt, near Newville.

De Kalb County was as yet unorganized, a portion of its territory being attached to Lagrange, and a portion to Allen. Early in the year 1836, John Blair, Esq., settled on the farm where he died; Charles Wilber, on the farm owned later by old Mr. Hall, near Orangeville; William Burley, at the present site of the last named village; Joseph Ludwig, on the farm where he lived till his death; Judge Walden, a little farther up the river, and Ariel Rood, still further up. A little later in the season Judge Samuel Widney settled on the farm where he died, and John P. Widney on the farm owned afterward by Gardner Melendy, at Newville; Benjamin Alton, on the farm since owned by Dr. Herrington; Dr. Babcock, a little below, on the farm afterward occupied by Mr. Scoles; and Asher Coburn and relatives, in the Coburn settlement.

During the same season Wesley Park settled on the site of Auburn, and laid out the town. Settlers began to push through the woods into various parts of the county, and the latter was given a civil organization.

LOCATING THE COUNTY SEAT.

In the winter of 1836-'7 the act organizing De Kalb County was passed by the Legislature, and there seemed an active competition for the county seat between Messrs. Rogers and Hamilton, and Messrs. Park and Howe. The former parties bought land, laid out a town plat, staked off lots and gave their site the name of Centerville. The eligible site laid out by Park, in conjunction with Judge John Howe (of Lima, Lagrange County), on the west bank of Cedar Creek, two miles south and three miles west of the center of the new county, was a formidable competitor for public favor, and when Messrs. Littlefield, of Lagrange, Gilmore, of Steuben, and Robert Work, of Allen, were appointed Commissioners to locate a county seat, Auburn was duly selected. Centerville, like many another such site, was never built up, and it now makes good farming land.

EARLY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS.

The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners of De Kalb County was held July 25, 1837, and the two members of that board were Peter Fair and Samuel Widney. At this meeting, which was in the house of Wesley Park, at Auburn, as also were the succeeding sessions for a number of years, the first step taken was to appoint Wesley Park their Clerk *pro tem.* The same man was appointed County Treasurer for a year; Byron Bunnel was named as County Agent; John Blair was given the office of Assessor; and Lanslot Ingman was made Collector of Taxes. The first legislative act was then passed, prescribing the boundaries of Franklin Township as follows: "Commencing at the northeast

corner of said county (De Kalb); thence west to the corners of ranges 13 and 14 east, townships 35 and 36 north; then south six miles to township 34 north, ranges 13 and 14 east; thence east on the town line to the east line of said county; thence north to the place of beginning; the above shall constitute the first township in De Kalb County." Provision was made for organizing this township by an election to be held the first Monday in August following, and Peter Boyer was appointed Inspector of Elections, Isaac T. Aldrich, Constable, and John Holton, Supervisor.

The "second session but first regular" was held at the same place, Sept. 4, 1837. There was present a full board: Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and Isaac F. Beecher. John F. Coburn was Clerk, and Wesley Park, Sheriff. "Being detained by unavoidable circumstances from transacting business," they adjourned until the following day. On reassembling according to appointment, Samuel Eakright was chosen Road Commissioner for the county; after which an order was passed "that the congressional township 34 north, range 13 east, be organized as a township for judicial (civil) purposes, to be known by the name of Union Township, and that townships 34 and 35 north, range 12 east, and townships 33 and 35 north, range 13 east, be attached thereto." It was also "ordered that Wesley Park be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Union Township, and all the lands lying within said township are allotted to said district."

Further, it was "ordered that the congressional township 34 north, range 14 east, be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township, to be known by the name of Wilmington Township." Byron Bunnel was appointed Supervisor.

And again, it was "ordered that the congressional township 33 north, range 12 east, be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township, to be known by the name of Butler Township." Andrew Surface was appointed Supervisor.

It was at this meeting that money was first appropriated for current expenses of the county. The first order drawn was for $50.84, in favor of Wesley Park, and was to pay for these items: $8.00 for services as Sheriff previous to the first session of the board, and as Clerk during that session; $16.69 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State Road and $26.15 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Goshen and Defiance State Road." Wesley McCan was allowed $2.96 for services as axman in laying out road;

Martin Van Fleet, $2.96 for acting as chainman at the same time; Lanslot Ingman, 31¼ cents for similar work; William Park, 31¼ cents as chainman, and $4.75 for laying out the Goshen and Defiance State Road; Seth W. Murray, $7.23 for services as Commissioner in laying out the Fort Wayne and Coldwater State Road; and Joseph Miller, $26.21½ for surveying both the above mentioned roads. Joseph Miller was appointed the first County Surveyor.

The only other business transacted at this first regular meeting was the allowance of the commissioners' *per diem*, an item which comes up as regularly as the board's meetings, several times each year. While the present system seems to cost quite a sum in the course of a year, it is nevertheless much less expensive than that in practice in Michigan, Illinois and other States, where, instead of three commissioners, there are from fifteen to twenty-five supervisors to draw mileage and pay.

The second regular session of the board was held in November, and, the governmental machinery of the county being now fairly set in motion, was pretty much like the sessions that have since been held at the appointed times for the transaction of routine business. At this second meeting Wesley Park was appointed School Commissioner for the county.

At the January session, 1838, Jackson Township was erected out of township 33 north, range 13 east, and John Watson was named as Inspector of Elections. An unique scale of licenses was adopted, fixing a "tavern license at $20; each license to vend wooden clocks, $60; each license to exhibit a caravan, menagerie or other collection of animals, or show of wax figures, or circus, for each day, $40." The license of $60 for selling wooden clocks seems strangely large to us, who can go to any jewelry store and buy a clock for $1.50, as far superior in value as inferior in price to the sort distributed by the shrewd Yankee peddler of a half a century ago.

During the latter part of 1837 De Kalb Township was organized, including the present township of Concord, and the fractional townships of Stafford and Newville. In March, 1838, the fractional township 34 north, range 15 east (now Stafford), was detached from De Kalb and annexed to Wilmington for civil purposes, and the name of De Kalb was changed to Concord, which application it has now borne for nearly forty-seven years.

In those days nearly all business men were obliged to pay licenses, of various amounts, in addition to their ordinary taxes.

as yet had seen very few of them. My widowed mother, with six children younger than myself (and I not yet seventeen years of age), bought and settled on the farm spoken of on another page as belonging to Dr. Babcock. Here an Indian trail crossed the river, and on the other side was a house where liquor was sold. Soon after nightfall the real whoops were heard away in the south woods. The sound drew continually nearer, and increased in volume, till our fears pictured a whole army of savages coming to murder us. We put out all the lights, fastened the doors, and concealed ourselves in different parts of the house. Soon the Indians were tramping around the house, and their torches gleaming through the windows. We almost held our breath with fear. Soon, however, they passed by, down to the river, and taking our canoe, crossed over and their whoops died away, drowned in the Indians' favorite beverage, 'good old rye.' But our rest was spoiled for the night, as we continually dreaded their return.

"Afterward, however, we became better acquainted with the 'poor Indian' as a camp of some forty men, squaws and papooses, spent four or five weeks in their tents, within twenty rods of the house, visiting us, or we them, daily. The men spent their time hunting, dressing their game, gambling, or lying around the fire like dogs. The women chopped the wood, made the fires and waited on their lords and masters, while the children shot birds with their bows and arrows. Joe Richardville, son of the celebrated chief, was in the camp dressed partly like an Indian and partly in the European costume. His college education failed to make anything out of him but an Indian."

THE NEAREST MILL

and market was at Fort Wayne, about twenty-six miles from the center of the river settlement, by land, and nearly as far again by the winding river. There was no wagon road as yet, and the river was the great thoroughfare. It was navigated by means of pirogues—large canoes dug out of the huge towering poplars abounding along the river. They were sometimes three or four feet wide, and seventy or eighty feet long, and would carry quite a burden. They were propelled by means of poles and paddles. Coming up the river with a load when the water was high was very hard work, especially if the river was too high to reach the bottom with poles of a convenient length.

Mr. Rhodes, of Newville, and Samuel Wason, of Spencerville, had to pull a loaded pirogue nearly all the way from Fort Wayne to where Spencerville now is, by laying hold of the willows and other bushes along the margin of the water. The entire voyage occupied a week. John P. Widney and some others came up with a load of provisions late in November, 1836, when the river was swollen with the fall rains, and the "slush ice" was running, and ice froze on the poles whenever they drew them out of water. These icy poles had to be used with bare hands, as gloves or mittens could not be used. In this way it required a full week to come up.

Provisions were very scarce and dear at Fort Wayne at the time. Flour rose to $14 per barrel, and sometimes "wormy" at that. Corn was $1.50 per bushel in the ear, and much of it rotten. Salt was $2.25 per bushel, and other things in proportion.

PROVISIONS SCARCE.

Living thus distant from mill and market, and that market so high, it may be readily imagined that the settlers would all sometimes be reduced to straights in the provision line; and that those scarce of cash must necessarily have seen very hard times in that respect. Such was actually the case. There were but few families in the settlement but that sometimes were pinched with hunger, without the immediate means on hand to satisfy it. Several days together had nearly all of them sometimes to subsist upon potatoes instead of bread, and some would even have been glad to get potatoes.

It was reported that one family, now in comfortable circumstances, had to live several weeks on vegetables gathered from the woods, and cooked as "greens," with milk and beech bark. Imagine to yourself the cabin of the settler visited in such circumstances by severe fevers and agues, sometimes prostrating the whole family for weeks, and one will not wonder that some were discouraged, and wished themselves back again at their comfortable Eastern homes.

THE LOG CABIN.

We have log houses occasionally, in our day, but few of us know much of the primitive forest home, and how it was made. Here is a sketch of one. Say we have it sixteen feet by eighteen in size, and just high enough for the joists below the first rib, and

then "cobbled off," as usual. One man cuts the logs in perhaps half a day, or at most a day. Another, with a yoke of cattle and a log chain, "snakes" them out, as fast as cut, to the little spot cleared off for the cabin. The next day they cut a large white oak that will "rive," and saw it into blocks four feet long. These are split into "bolts," and these bolts riven into "shakes" or clapboards. The next day the neighbors come in, from five or six miles around, and throw up the logs, and notch them down in their natural rough state, and one man, perhaps, "kutches down" the inside of the logs as fast as they are put down in their place, while yet another cuts a straight-grained ash, and splits puncheons two inches thick, for the floor, and dresses off one side with his ax. Before night the house is "cobbed off," the clapboards are laid on the ribs, and the heavy "weight poles" laid on to keep them in their place, and "knees" placed to keep these poles from rolling down, these knees commencing against the "butting poles" at the eave of the cabin, which butting pole is laid on the "eave bearer" (projecting some two feet on each side of the building), against large pines driven into these eave bearers. The raising being now over, the owner next builds a "back wall" of "nigger heads" (as the rough stones were called), gathered perhaps from a half mile around, as they are sparsely scattered over the surface, or out of the bed of the creek or river; or, perhaps not taking the trouble togather these niggerheads, he builds the wall of "mud," made of clay dug from the inside of the cabin, just in front of where he expects to have his hearth. The wall is, say, six feet wide and four feet high, built against the end wall of the cabin, equi-distant from the corners. Now he seeks a small tree, with a crook similar to a sleigh runner, and cutting it of a proper length splits it for the arms of his chimney.

These are placed on at each end of his back wall, with one end of each arm in a crevice between the logs of the cabin, and the other lodged against the rough joist, the crook being downward, entering the crevice a little below the top of the back wall. Splitting the sticks for his chimney, about the size of plastering lath, he now commences building alternate layers of sticks and mud on the arms above described, about three feet by six at first, but gradually drawing in until it is about two feet by four, and then running up, perpendicularly, until the top of his chimney peers above the roof, out of the hole there left for it. Making his hearth of clay, well beaten down, he next lays his puncheon floor, makes his clapboard door, or hangs up a quilt in place of it, puts in his six light sash, with glass or greased paper to transmit the light, lays the chamber floor with clapboard, and, behold, he has a house. Now he must furnish it. Well, taking some puncheons left from the floor, he cuts them into square pieces, dresses off one side with his ax, bores holes for the legs, hews out rough sticks for those legs, drives them in and his chairs are made. Cutting some straight ironwood poles, of proper length, for rails and posts, boring holes in those posts with a large augur, hewing off the ends of the rails with his ax to the necessary size, and then driving all together with the same tool, he soon has a bedstead. Stripping a young basswood tree of its bark, and weaving it around and between the rails—lo, the bedstead is corded! Boring holes in the wall, he dresses rough wooden pins, and lays a broad clapboard thereon, and behold his cupboard! To close this description, a "lytle" anecdote is appropriate concerning the "awful abyss:"

John P. Widney had just erected such a cabin as above described, save that it had as yet no floor. His chimney had just been finished, and in building it he had dug a deep hole just between the door and the hearth. He and his wife, seated on a sleeper in front of the fire, were enjoying its genial warmth on a cold December night. The earth was covered with a mantle of snow, and the wind whistled without; but what cared they, in their comfortable dwelling? Two land hunters, Mr. Lytle and another, lost and benighted, were pushing through the snow and brush when the light of the six-pane window, on the tall bluff of Twenty-six Mile Creek, caught their delighted vision, and they waded toward it and plunged waist deep in the swollen creek, thick with snow and ice. Out again, on the other side, their eyes steadfastly fixed on the beacon light. They soon rapped on the logs at the side of the door, and were cordially bade "come in." Turning aside the quilt, they entered; and stepping toward the cheerful fire, they both plunged, together, into the "awful abyss" from which the substance of the chimney had been drawn. And there we will leave them to extricate themselves as best they can, and warm and dry themselves by Mr. Widney's hospitable fire.

HAND LABOR.

In addition to the difficulties and privations endured by the river settlements~~, as~~ mentioned above, was that of a scarcity of teams. Having as yet raised nothing on which to feed teams

in the winter, they were willing to make many shifts to get along without. "I know," says Mr. Widney, "a highly respected citizen of this county, who has filled several offices and is now considered wealthy, that between the first of January, 1837, and the first day of May following, chopped off five acres of heavy timber, taking it nearly all down, burned the brush, rolled the logs and burned them off, split the rails and carried them to their place on the fence on his shoulders; and thus had his field cleared off and well fenced by the time mentioned above, without having a team in the clearing, except perhaps one day, to draw the remnants of the log heaps together."

His wife was his sole help, he chopping and she often picking the brush. Many nights he worked by moonlight until quite late. He "yankeed" the largest logs together, as he expressed it, having this in view in felling the trees, and carried the smaller logs, or dragged them by one end, or rolled them with a handspike to the heap, as best he could. "When I visited him on the sixth of May, he and his wife were digging holes among the roots with hoes, and putting in seed corn." The crop was tended entirely with the hoe; and in this way he raised a good crop of corn and potatoes, without having a plow in the field.

"HANDSPIKE" FARMING.

It was said that William Mathews raised a good crop of corn, planted with a handspike, and tended with a hoe. His plan of planting was to strike a sharp handspike into the rich soil diagonally, draw it out, drop in the seed, and then press down the soil by stepping on it as he passed on to plant the next hill.

"WINDROW" PLANTING.

The settler often found the season for planting on hand before his clearing was "burned off," and then sometimes the corn or potatoes were planted between the log heaps; sometimes the timber was thrown into "windrows," some three or four rods apart, and the crop planted between the rows, the log being left to be burned when the crop came off.

FIRST PREACHER.

The first settlers were quite destitute of religious privileges. Benjamin Alton, of the Disciples' or Campbellite church, preached the first sermon in the county, as nearly as can be learned, in the fall of 1836. For some time, perhaps nearly a year, he was the only preacher. He had settled in the woods and had to clear his own land and get his provisions in the meantime, often by taking jobs of chopping, yet he generally preached on Sunday.

"He was a man of considerable talent," continues the author of "Pioneer Sketches," "and died some years ago, much lamented. It was said that he used to preach in the summer, in his rough tow-pants, without a coat, and with a shoe on one foot and a boot on the other. This is not strange, when I remember that shoes and boots were so hard to be had that John P. Widney and I, during the summer (1837) I lived with him, could only get one good pair of shoes between us, which we wore alternately on Sunday, one going to meeting and one staying at home; and that John and Hazzard Webster used to come down to Newville, even to election, barefooted."

FIRST MEETINGS.

The first Methodist two days meeting was held near Orangeville, in 1837, by N. L. Thomas and Joseph Miller, both then residing on the Maumee. Prayer-meetings had been held previously by religiously inclined persons of various denominations, without any distinctions. The origin of the first one is thus related by Judge Widney: "We had been in the country for sometime without knowing that there was a praying person in the settlement besides ourselves, when one Sabbath R. R. Lounsbury and another man returning from Fort Wayne stopped at my house and informed me that Thomos L. Yates (afterward judge) was under conviction, and wished me to come and pray with him. I went, and found quite a number of persons n the house.

"I sang and prayed, and while praying noticed that old Father Rhodes was fervently responding to my petitions. I then sang again and called on him to pray, and while he prayed I noticed that the old lady, his wife, was also praying. I next called on her and found that old Mother Yates (mother of the penitent man) was engaged, and so I called on her next, and this closed our meeting. Afterward we held prayer-meeting nearly every Sabbath, at Father Rhodes's, my house, Mr. Lounsbury's, Mr. Eakright's, or some other."

EARLY PREACHERS AND MEETINGS.

"Revs. Coleman and Warner were the first circuit preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church who visited the settlement. I think it was some time in the year 1838. They organized several classes at different points. Early in the year 1839 sixteen persons who had been members of the Methodist Protestant church in Ohio and Pennsylvania met at the house of Samuel Tarney, on Bear Creek, and organized them into a Methodist Protestant class. I was one of the members, and Samuel Widney, Sr., was our leader. He wrote to Rev. Joel Dalbey, then at Pittsburg, to try to procure a preacher. He answered that we had better apply to the Ohio Conference. Our leader then wrote to the celebrated Nicholas Snethin, at Cincinnati.

"This letter was sent from the Ohio to the Indiana Conference, then just organized and holding its session in Monroe County, and Lewis Hickman came on as missionary and organized several classes, and finally a circuit. He was the first Methodist Protestant preacher in Indiana, north of the Wabash, so far as I know. For some time the Disciples, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches were the only ones in the county.

"Jonathan Thomas and Bishop Kumler were the first United Brethren preachers. They labored as missionaries through the country in 1841 and 1842, if I am correct. S. B. Ward was the first regular Baptist minister in the county, Elders Cherry and Miner the first Free-Will Baptist, and James Cather the first Lutheran. Mr. Cather commenced his labors early in the year 1844, and the others several years earlier."

FIRST EVENTS.

"The first man who was married while a resident of the settlement, we are informed, was Jared Ball to Miss Melinda Slater. The father of the bride resided in Williams County, Ohio, near the present village of Edgerton, and there they were married, the eccentric bridegroom paying the marriage fee to Mr. Alton, the officiating minister, in pumpkins. And, to keep the story from being lonesome here, I will state that in later years a certain Judge performed a marriage, the bridegroom in which was the fortunate possessor of a tract of 'oak opening' and a 'cranberry marsh.' After the ceremony, the bland and courteous Judge was informed by the happy bridegroom that for his invaluable services he could have the privilege of getting some cranberries in his marsh!"

The first marriage that took place in the settlement was that of Nelson Ulm and Elvira Lockwood. It is remembered that the bride was too weakly, or too much excited, to stand up during the ceremony. It was in the summer of 1837. The first marriage licenses taken out in the county were those of Francis Smith and Maria Gunsenhouser, and of John Platter and Ann Emmeline Walden. Both were issued on the 5th of September, 1837, and both were performed by Washington Robinson, of Concord Township, the first Justice of the Peace in De Kalb County.

The first funeral in the settlement was that of Mrs. Barker, who died just above where Newville is now located. Judge Widney was sent for to perform the funeral services, there being no minister then in the settlement. He sang, prayed and talked to the people a few minutes on the subject of death.

The first store in the county was opened in what is now Orangeville in the spring of 1837. John Platter, William Rogers, a Mr. Savage and some other person put in each $200, and brought on the amount in such goods as the settlers most needed. John P. Widney was employed to cut logs for the storehouse, receiving $2 for the job, and performing it in half a day. The house was 16 x 18 feet in size, of round logs.

The first grist-mill, or "corn cracker," rather, in the county was built by William Mathews, on Bear Creek, on the east part of the school section of Concord Township, near George Johnston's. It was a small affair, truly. The stones were about two feet in diameter, and were turned by means of a "flutter-wheel," on an upright post, set in a tub, through one side of which the water passed. The whole machinery was set in a small rickety frame, without weather-boarding. The corn dropped, a grain at a time, from the little hopper; so that perhaps in twenty-four hours, at a good stage of water, eight bushels of corn might be "cracked." Mr. Widney relates that he carried a half bushel of corn from his brother's, at Newville, to this mill, a distance of four miles, on his shoulder. He waited half a day to get it ground, and then carried the meal back in the same way. Among the numerous tales told of this mill, the following will do to repeat: James Widney, in the fall of 1837, took a bushel of corn to be ground, and after it had been grinding for some time went below to see how much meal was in the little store box, used for a meal chest, and to his dismay found a large yellow dog eating the meal as fast as it came from the spout!

The first election in the county was held in July, 1837. The settlers on the river all voted at the house of Washington Robinson, Esq., at Vienna, or Newville, as it is now called. Three county

commissioners, two associate judges, and a clerk and recorder were to be elected, and, perhaps, some other officers.

On counting out the votes, a ticket came up that sorely puzzled the judges, as to whether it should be counted or not. A portion of it ran thus:

"For Commissioners,
I'll tell you, sirs;
The old Major—
Or Johnny Blair;
William Roger
And Peter Fair.
For Clerk and Recorder, too,
John F. Coburn, sure, will do;
Arial Waldon for a Judge,
And James Bowman for a drudge."

Much merriment was had over this ticket. The office of drudge was supposed to be intended to accommodate the court with whisky, as some judges, at that early day, took their drams. It was not then known who put in this ticket, but it has been supposed that it was one who has since filled the office of judge himself. Who brought his liquor, the records say not. The gentleman voted for to fill the last office mentioned on the ticket was not elected.

Samuel Widney, Peter Fair and Isaac F. Beecher were elected County Commissioners; Arial Waldon and Thomas L. Yates, Judges of the Court, and John F. Coburn, Clerk and Recorder. "John P. Widney carried the returns of the election to Auburn (as the cabins of Wesley Park and one or two others were then collectively called), and I accompanied him.

"We went on foot and followed an Indian trail, as there was no road, wading all the swamps on the route. On returning, not being a very good Indian, I gave out, so as hardly to be able to drag my limbs home. This was my first and last experiment in carrying election returns."

A BACKWOOD'S JUDGE.

Mr. Yates, one of the Judges elected, was rather an odd genius of a backwoodsman. When he was elected he dryly remarked that they were using up the buckeye timber first, and reserving that of a superior quality. This, however, was only his opinion, and as he had not yet taken his position on the bench it did not amount to law.

It is said that when called to his seat beside the president Judge, Hon. Charles Ewing, he was dressed in his coarse hunting-shirt and fox-skin cap, and seemed much embarassed in his new position. No doubt he would have felt more at home with a good rifle on his shoulder, after a nice fat "buck." He made a good judge, however, as did his associate, Judge Waldon.

MORE OF THE PIONEERS.

There are some additional names of early settlers along the St. Joseph that should be recorded, many of whom afterward were prominent in the county; as for instance, Solomon Delong and Daniel Strong, of Newville, who have each filled the office of County Commissioner; H. Fusselman, one of the first Justices of Stafford Township, and also a County Commissioner; Christian and Samuel Wanemaker, who have also filled offices in Stafford Township; Lott Herrick, of Concord, the first Probate Judge of De Kalb County; Joseph E. Sawtell, the bland and polite salesman, who was, no doubt, the second man to sell goods along the river, and in the county; Rev. N. L. Thomas, the first one to open store in Newville; George Barney, one of the first Justices for Concord; James Hadsell, one of the earliest and most useful pioneers of Concord, who has filled several responsible offices; Cornelius Woodcox, one of the first Supervisors for De Kalb Township, when it embraced three congressional townships, and but two road districts; and especially R. J. Dawson, who has since filled so prominent a place in public affairs. But it is impossible to give a complete list of the worthy citizens who did the hard work of opening up De Kalb County to settlement.

THE FLOOD.

"I remember," says Mr. Widney, "I remember clear away back beyond 'the flood.' Shall I tell you something about that memorable event? Well, I will. Many of the first settlers along the river built their cabins on the bottoms, on account of the rich, deep soil, so inviting for corn and potatoes. Now it happened that St. Jo., notwithstanding his saintship, had a mighty trick of 'getting high' occasionally, and on such occasions took a regular 'spree,' transcending all bounds of propriety, and scattering and destroying things in general. It was in the winter of 1838, about the first of January, when we were dwelling securely in the neighborhood of this mild-looking saint, that he unexpectedly 'imbibed'

too largely, 'got high,' and advanced upon us, raging and foaming terribly, without any provocation whatever.

"But, lest we should be guilty of what Dr. Clark calls 'making a figure go on all fours,' we will drop it and say that the river rose until it overflowed its banks, and surrounded the house. This alarmed us some, but it seemed to be nearly at a stand, and we hoped that it would soon retreat. But instead of falling, it continued to rise, until the loose floor began to float. We then raised the floor about six inches, being sure that the water would rise no more. We were doomed, however, to be again disappointed. The water still rose. Being midwinter we had all our firewood to 'boat' in, with the canoe, which we kept cabled at the cabin, and we managed still to keep a fire above the water.

"The night after raising the floor we retired to rest, and the next morning found the floor all afloat again. So we concluded to embark for safe quarters. Running the canoe into the door, we took the passengers from the bed, and, packing everything that the water could injure above its reach, we crossed the raging river, to sojourn with friends till 'after the flood.' The water rose until it was two and a half feet deep in the cabin, and then began to subside. Just then a severe freeze set in, leaving the entire bottoms covered with a sheet of thick ice. When the river got within its banks again we returned, threw out the ice, and took up our residence in the cabin. Other settlers besides us suffered from this saintly freak, but we have not the particulars."

NAVIGATING THE DESERT WITH A POCKET-COMPASS.

Colin Robinson and his brother Henry came to their half brother (Gavin Hamilton), on the Maumee, near Brunersburg, in the year 1833; and soon after their arrival they went up the Maumee to where William Rogers then lived, a little below where the village of Antwerp now stands, and from thence struck across the woods, by means of a pocket-compass, some fifteen or twenty miles, through the unbroken forest, to the St. Joseph River. When in the midst of the wilderness they lost their needle from their compass, and had to hunt a considerable time among the leaves before they found it. Following the direction pointed out by the slender finger of their magnetic guide, about dark they struck the bluff of the St. Jo., about where Henry Robinson afterward lived, and from thence made their way, amid the gathering shades of evening, down the river, more than a mile, to within a few rods of where the cabin afterward stood, spoken of in the Indian story, and in that of "the flood," above described.

Mr. Lytle then lived in a cabin over the river, and about forty rods back from it, and their object was to get over for supper and lodgings, as they had eaten nothing since early breakfast. It was the 24th of December, and when they reached the river they found it frozen in, about one-fourth of the breadth of the river, and there was no way of crossing; so they were under the necessity of camping for the night. A huge walnut, perhaps six feet in diameter, had been cut down, probably by the Indians, and still lay with one end on the stump, at the time of the "flood," four years after the time of which we are speaking. Under this walnut they took lodging for the night, having first struck up a fire.

The night was passed very uncomfortably, in acute suffering from cold and hunger. The next morning (Christmas, 1833), they cut down (for they had their axes with them) a dry stump of a tree, which broke in its fall. Tying the two pieces together, side by side, with basswood bark, they launched it, breaking the ice at the margin, and on it crossed the river with their imaginations filled with visions of a plentiful warm breakfast. On arriving at Mr. Lytle's they found no one at home but the children, and nothing to eat but a rabbit, and while they were cooking this a cat ran away with half of it!

The Messrs. Robinson had intended to enter land and make a "beginning" on it, but they found provisions so scarce that they returned the next day. In the following spring Colin Robinson entered the excellent tract of land on which he afterward fixed his home just across the river from Orangeville, in Concord Township. He did not, however, settle on it till three years afterward.

GUNPOWDER TEA.

It was perhaps in the summer of 1834 or 1835, that John Platter and Solomon Delong crossed the same wilderness, and getting bewildered in the midst of it, almost famished for want of water, they had to camp for the night. With their axes and hands they dug a hole in a prickly ash swamp and found water, but it tasted so much like the decoction of gunpowder that they could scarcely drink it, though suffering with thirst.

The early settlers will all bear witness that in the summer mosquitoes were no scarce article in that day of general scarcity, in fact, they were as plentiful as we can imagine flies to have been in

the fourth Egyptian plague; one could not stop two minutes in the woods without having them by myriads singing their unpleasant song with treble voices about his ears, or poking into him their tormenting bills, almost as much to be dreaded as the doctor bills of the early day. Well, to protect themselves against these impudent serenaders, these unwilling lodgers of the wilderness mentioned above (Platter and Delong) cut bushes, then covered with green leaves, and covered themselves deeply in these until the mosquitoes were utterly at a loss how to get at them, and thus they passed the night.

A BRIDAL TOUR.

In the winter of 1836-'7, in the month of January, the above-named Colin Robinson, having lately married a wife, set out on a bridal (or *bridle*, if you please) tour from the Maumee to the cabin built on his land on the St. Jo., she on horseback and he on foot.

Coming to the "Mer-del-arm," a considerable creek between the rivers running through broad cottonwood swamps, he found it swollen by recent rains and melted snow, until it spread over the swamps, about a mile on each side. Through this wide-spread water he waded along the narrow trace, sometimes waist deep, and she followed on her horse. Coming to the main channel of the creek he found it covered with thick ice, raised up several feet by the swollen waters, so that the ice was nearly on a level with the horse's breast, as he waded up to it. Here Mr. Robinson got his wife off the horse, on a stump, and prevailed on the horse to jump on the ice, walk over it, and then jump down on the other side of the channel. He then, by means of a pole placed from the stump to the ice, got Mrs. Robinson on the ice, and from the ice on the other side, on her saddle again, wading out as he had waded in. The next summer Mr. Robinson and his brother went down the St. Joseph to Fort Wayne, and then down the Maumee to near where Defiance now is, for seed wheat, and corn to get ground. They performed the voyage in a large-sized pirogue; loading it with sixty bushels of grain, they started back. They experienced considerable difficulty in getting along, being both raw hands at "piroguing," but they succeeded tolerably well until they reached "Bull Rapids," near the State line, about eighteen miles below Fort Wayne. Here the wind ruffling the surface, they could not see bottom, and, running on the rocks, they stuck fast.

Getting out into the water, they shoved the pirogue over the rocks, and up the rapids, wading sometimes in water up to the waist. Getting once more aboard, they got along till they reached "Cole's dam," one mile below Fort Wayne. Here they had to unload and carry the grain on their shoulders up a steep bank about thirty feet high, go more then half a mile after a rope, which they tied to the bow of the boat, and thus pulled it over the dam, coming very near sinking it in the operation. They then reloaded, and were overtaken by darkness at the mouth of the St. Joseph. From there to John's mill they had much difficulty in getting along in the darkness and shallow water. Getting to the mill they unloaded that part of the grain they intended to be ground, and took their lodgings for the night, on the bare ground, and no covering but the blue sky. In fact during the entire trip they had the same bed and covering every night. From John's mill the rest of the way home they got out nearly every ripple, and pushed the boat up, and sometimes it was necessary to unload and reload, laying the bags on rocks in the ripples until they got the boat over. Soon after his return Colin Robinson was prostrated with a severe attack of the pleurisy, brought on by exposure.

ALL WELL BUT FOURTEEN.

We again quote from "Pioneer Sketches:" "We spoke, just now, of doctor bills as compared with mosquito bills; that you may have some idea of the force of the comparison, we will give one instance of the sickness of the early settlement. Mr. Isaac Meeks, now of Union Mills, Lagrange County, is my informant.

"'I came into the Coburn Settlement, Concord Township,' says he, 'soon after Mr. Asher Coburn (who was the first settler) and built a cabin fourteen feet square and moved therein. Some time after this Mr. Coburn and John H. Coburn, the one my father-in-law, moved into the settlement, and I offered them both the hospitalities of my cabin. We were now fourteen in number, in a cabin fourteen feet square, and one story high. In a little while every one of us took down sick, and we had to swing up beds to the sides of the cabin, one above the other, to accommodate all the sick. I was sick four or five weeks, and the rest almost as many months!'"

SUFFERINGS OF MR. OSBURN.

We spoke on a previous page of the difficulties and hardships of the settlers, in getting to mill and to market. We will now give another instance, exceeding in painful interest any yet mentioned.

The sufferer was a resident of Hicksville, just over the State line in Ohio, but the scene of his suffering was in this county; hence we will relate the circumstances, so far as the facts can be accurately obtained.

It was in the winter of 1837-'8 that Mr. Osburn started from where Hicksville had just been laid out, with an ox team, to go to mill at Fort Wayne. Returning to the east side of the St. Joseph River he was overtaken by night above where Leo now is. Having had to wade into the creeks, and break ice before his oxen, his clothes were wet, and it was freezing severely. Onward, however, he made his way, through the snow and darkness, on a stormy winter night, until he began to feel that he was freezing.

Leaving his slow team in the road, he then started hoping to reach Mr. Brant's, across the river from where Spencerville now is, but soon found his legs becoming so stiff that he could no longer walk. Knowing that his life was at stake, he then *crawled on his hands and knees* about a mile, until he found that his strength was too far gone to proceed in this way. He now commenced crying for help, and Mr. Brant's dog hearing his voice commenced barking; and some of the family going out to see what was the matter, were led by the dog to the poor sufferer, about a mile off, and he was borne into the house.

Both his legs, however, had to be amputated just below the knees. He remained several days at Mr. Brant's, and was drawn home on his sled.

FAMILY MILLS.

As mills were so scarce and distant, the pioneers had to tax their inventive powers to provide a substitute. So, in process of time, nearly every settler had a family hand-mill, made after the following description: Take a round log of some hard wood, such as beech or sugar, about twenty inches in diameter. Saw it off, about three feet in length. Set on end, and with an inch augur commence boring down diagonally into the upper end, from near the circumference to the center of the log, and continue until you have surrounded the end of the log, with augur holes meeting in the center. Take a chisel and cut down between the holes until you get the block loose that has thus been bored under, and it comes out in the form of an inverted cone. Trim out the funnel-shaped hole thus left with the chisel as well as you can, and then to make entirely smooth and to harden it build a fire of coals therein. When sufficiently burned for the purpose mentioned, take out the fire and scrape the coals off cleanly as possible, and you have a large mortar. Now take a stick as thick as your wrist and two and a half feet long, and, splitting one end, insert an iron wedge with its edge in the split. Put on an iron ring and drive it over the iron wedge, so as to hold it fast. Trim off the stick so as to handle conveniently, and you have a pestle. Now you may put a little corn in your mortar, and beat it with your pestle as fine as you can. Sift out the finest, and you have corn meal. Blow the bran out of the balance, and you have "hominy."

PRIMITIVE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

It is much to the credit of the pioneers of our county that amidst all the difficulties of the early settlements they did not neglect the education of their children. There are settlements in the south part of this State that existed twenty years without a school-house. Not so in this county. No sooner had a few settlers got their cabins raised and fixed so that they could live in them, than they raised their school-house—rough and uncomfortable, it is true, but on an equality with their residences. They were of round logs, with clapboard roofs, chamber floor and door also of clapboards; ground floor of puncheon; benches of the same, or, rather, generally of small logs split in two and turned with the flat side up, and with rough wooden pins driven into augur holes for legs; chimney of sticks and mud built as described before, but generally larger than the chimneys of private residences so that twenty or twenty-five children might surround it in a semicircle, while a burning "log heap" flamed on the hearth in the winter, or to get light from its ample throat in the summer. The windows were generally made by cutting out a log nearly the whole length of the house, leaving a hole say a foot wide and eighteen or twenty feet long. Into this a long sash was inserted, consisting of single panes joined together horizontally until the long hole was filled. In some cases that came under my notice, however, this long hole was filled with a kind of lattice work of sticks, and upon this *greased* paper was pasted to transmit the light. Under this long window large holes were bored into the log, rough, wooden pins driven into these holes, and an unplaned plank laid on these pins. This was the writing desk. The writers sat on a long-legged bench, facing this plank and the window, and if they were many in number they prevented the light of the window, especially on a cloudy day, from reaching many scholars

sitting back from it, but on such occasions they drew near to the huge tunnel of the chimney, and were there "enlightened."

A RASCALLY PARODY.

"In just such school-houses," continues Mr. Widney, "I taught several schools in an early day, and experienced the truth of Thompson's couplet:

> "'Delightful task! to rear the tender thought,
> And teach the young ideas how to shoot.'

"Will you allow me to enliven this prosy chapter with an anecdote?

"Well, a New York dandy, better acquainted with books and pavements than with 'backwoods' life or character, concluded to visit the West and see 'the natives.' As he was riding along on a cold day in the winter, when sleighing was good, in his fine sleigh, wrapped up in his 'buffalo,' with his great coat on, his fur cap tied down over his ears, and his fur gloves up his elbows, he passed one of these frontier school-houses. It was 'recess,' and the teacher and some of the bigger boys were out at the side of the house knocking some squirrels off a tall hickory tree with a rifle. The dandy reined up his horse a few minutes and as he saw the squirrels drop one after another, perpetrated the following parody on the above oft quoted couplet of Thompson:

> "'Delightful task! to rear the tender thought,
> And teach the *youthful Indian how to shoot!*'

"The rascal! It was well for him I was not there to hear him."

CHAPTER IV.

PIONEER HISTORY—CONTINUED.

Wesley Park's Narrative.—Milk Diet.—Hotel Crowded.—New Arrivals.—County Organized.—Jail in the Loft of Park's Cabin.—A Court Scene.—Trying Times.—White and Palmer.—Some Indian Customs.—Better Times.—John Houlton's Narrative.—Escape from Freezing.—Unwelcome Visitors.—They Help Themselves.—A Bloody Resolve.—The Curse of America.—Trip to the Prairies.—Female Ox-Driver.—John Fee and His Big Track.—Incidents by M. M.—A Spirited Pet.—Bear Hunt.—A Change in Plan.—Bear Hunt Resumed.—A Diversion.

WESLEY PARK'S NARRATIVE.

Good fortune has preserved for us the personal narrative of Wesley Park, the first settler and the founder of the town of Auburn, the county seat. We will give the same entire, as it is full of important and interesting details: "In the fall of 1835 George Stone, Hiram Johnston and myself left Licking County, Ohio, in a two-horse buggy, to seek a home in what was then called the West. We went by way of Columbus, Sandusky, Maumee, Defiance, Fish Creek and Lima, to South Bend. We then returned to Lima, where Johnston and Stone settled, and started a tannery. I returned to Fish Creek, and entered land adjoining John Houlton's. I then returned to Ohio, and staid till February, 1836. Started to Indiana, then, with a drove of cattle and a load of dried fruits, got to Lima, sold out, and started, in company with John B. Howe, Esq., to the center of the new county, afterward called De Kalb, to locate a site for a county seat.

"We got to Pigeon River, and the canoe upsetting, I swam over the stream. Howe came over in the canoe, swimming his horse along side. Staid all night at Glover's. Started in the morning on our journey, and that night reached section 13, township 34 north, range 13 east (Union Township now), and

lay out in the woods. The snow was four inches deep. We kindled a fire, and I peeled bark to lie down on, but Howe, being tired or lazy, or both, lay down on the snow. In the morning he had melted his whole length in the snow and was wet, but I was dry. I lay all night with my rifle by my side, to be prepared for the wolves that howled around continually. After hunting a day for the best site, decided on the piece of land where Auburn now is. Entered the land and laid out the town. I then put up a shanty 10 x 12 feet, and cut a road through to Pleasant Lake; brought through a cart load of goods, with a yoke of oxen and a milk cow. Afterward, Joseph Miller and I started from William Miller's (where Mr. Ditmar now lives), I with my cart and oxen, and he with me to help cut the road (the road spoken of in a former chapter as being cut through from Blair's mill, afterward Shryock's), being nothing but a trace with the logs still in and too narrow for a cart, as will be hereafter noticed.

"My object was to get through by the way of Blair's mill to Fort Wayne for a load of provisions. It was afternoon before we started, and night overtook us near the little creek that crosses the Fort Wayne road near Mr. John Grube's. We had no provisions along, as we expected to get through to Blair's. The cow, however, that I brought through from Pleasant Lake, being used to following the team, was fortunately with us, and I milked her and told Miller that milk was good enough for me. Miller did not like to drink the new milk, but there was no alternative, so he took a good draught. It did not lie well on his stomach, and he soon threw it up. The next morning, after lying out through the night, we cut through to the mill, and I went on to Fort Wayne, and Miller returned to get his breakfast, no doubt with a good appetite.

"Getting back with my provisions, I set up tavern in my shanty. I did my own cooking, and was crowded with travelers and land-hunters, who came to have me show them land to enter. One night I kept fifteen men, who very nearly filled my hotel. Some lay on a shelf, and the rest on the ground under it; so there was plenty of bed-room. After eating up the first load of provisions, I went to Fort Wayne for another. On my return the Little Cedar was so high that I had to swim my oxen, and carry the load and cart by pieces over the creek on a log, as I had adopted as my motto 'Go ahead.' Got back again, finally, to the hotel.

"I kept travelers, showed land, and erected a cabin 18 x 20 feet, one and a half stories high, with a roof of rafters and clapboards.

It stood on the lot close to the old water saw-mill. I then returned to Ohio and brought out my wife, Sophia, and my son Amos, then a child. Launcelot Jugman and family also came with me. We all arrived at Auburn on the 6th day of August, 1836. We laid down a few puncheons and went to housekeeping. A few days work completed our cabin.

"In the winter of 1836 the act passed the Legislature to organize De Kalb County. Littlefield, of Lagrange, Gilmore, of Steuben, and Robert Work, of Allen, were appointed Commissioners to locate the county seat. I was appointed by the Governor, Sheriff of the new county, with authority to appoint the place for the elections in the few precincts in the county, and to receive and forward the returns. The result of the election is stated elsewhere.

"After the organization of the county, my house served as court-house, jail, hotel, church, cooking-room, sleeping apartment, etc.

"As Sheriff appointed, and afterward elected, I had no jail but the upper chamber of my cabin. I used to put prisoners up, and then take away the ladder and tell them to stay there, and they always did so.

"The lower chamber was the court-house. During the sitting of court it had to suspend until dinner was cooked. This gave the Judge time for a nap, which was very desirable, as he was generally fatigued, and sometimes rather 'boozy.' Charles Ewing was the president Judge. He was brother to the celebrated fur traders, W. G. and G. W. Ewing. Judge Yates has been spoken of as an odd genius of a backwoodsman. One day he got 'tight,' and sentenced Jo. Bashford to receive a whipping, and swore that as he was the court and had passed sentence he would inflict the penalty. As the Judge was making toward the criminal, with this avowed intention, I seized him, and giving him a whirl, told him plainly that if the court persisted in inflicting the penalty threatened, the Sheriff would put the court 'up the ladder.' Upon this, the court acknowledged the authority of the Sheriff, and adjourned peaceably.

"TRYING TIMES.

"Will you allow me now to go back to the winter of 1836-'7, and relate some instances of that hard winter? There were now about thirty families in the county, and many of them suffered severely, having to bring all their provisions from Fort Wayne, or the Northern prairies, with scarcely anything that could be called

roads. At one time our corn cost us $3.00 per bushel! I saw teams that had to travel seventy-five miles for provisions. I never drove more than sixty miles for corn, beyond Fort Wayne up the St. Mary's River. It was a trying time for me and my wife, but she was always cheerful. I took the rheumatism and lay several weeks. In December the snow fell two feet deep.

"Immigrants were still coming in. A man, woman and child left Pleasant Lake with a wagon and a yoke of cattle, to go ten miles south of Auburn. One of their oxen mired down, in Smithfield Township, eight miles north of Auburn. There was then no house between Steubenville and Auburn. The mired ox died, and they turned the other loose and started for Auburn afoot, carrying the child. The waters were then high, and they had to wade the small streams. About nine o'clock at night they reached our cabin with clothes frozen above the waist. We gave them dry clothes and a warm supper, and kept them until the roads were broken.

"A few moments after the arrival of these sufferers a traveler came in and told us that a man and a boy were out in the trail about six miles, in a suffering condition, not being able to strike a fire, and the man so frozen as to be unable to travel. On receiving this information Wesley White and William Palmer got up the pony and started for the sufferers. They found the man on section 9, township 34, range 13. (We always counted by sections, as the trail was very crooked.) They got him on the pony, and brought him in, about midnight, frozen to the knees; yet he contended that he was not cold. We got his legs into a tub of spring water, and thus drew out the frost. But the boy must be saved. The old man offered us 50 cents(!) to bring him in, which led me to administer him a severe rebuke.

"I told him if the boy was not worth more than 50 cents he was not worth bringing in. He was then ten miles out, in snow two feet deep, among swamps filled with water, and swollen streams.

"No money, however, was needed to induce us to go on to his rescue. He had kept traveling, and was thus saved from freezing.

"They proved to be Mr. Graden and son, of Noble County. They had left home in pursuit of cattle. The snow commenced falling and they traveled on through Fairfield Township, and until they struck the trace, and knew not which way to turn. They were well provided for at the cabin, and in a few weeks were able to return home.

"Wesley White, who was so active in the above rescue, was a good man. He had come down from Lima to stake out some lots.

"He afterward went to Sparta, Noble County. He was Deputy Clerk for Isaac Spencer, and afterward Clerk of Noble County.

"After thus saving the life of others, he was drowned in Elkhart River, west of Albion. William Palmer was a rather mischievous old bachelor, and loved to play pranks on the Indians, who used to annoy us considerably, though they furnished us with venison, bear meat, turkeys, cranberries, etc., for money or such things as we had to exchange.

"They were honest, and some of them religious, before the whites gave them fire-water, and stole their ponies and blankets.

"They used frequently to apply to me to take away 'bad Indian' whenever any of their number misbehaved. After the whites had created in them the unnatural appetite, they were very fond of whisky. One day a poor squaw came to my house and begged hard for whisky. Palmer took the pepper-sauce bottle and handed it to her; she took a very hearty drink, but as soon as she had removed the bottle from her lips, she began to spit, sputter, slaver and holler 'pizen! pizen!' while Bill Palmer, the perpetrator of this joke, rolled and laughed to his heart's content. After her sufferings were over, I and my good Sophia took a little laugh at her and she never troubled us again.

" SOME INDIAN CUSTOMS.

"The Pottawatomies and Miamies were the principal tribes in De Kalb County. Their manner of burying the dead was to dig a grave eighteen inches deep, put in the dead, cover with leaves, and then build a tight pen of poles over the grave. Sometimes they cut down a tree, split off a piece from the top of the log, dug out a trough, put in the body, and then covered it up closely with poles. They burnt the leaves around these burying places every fall, to keep the fire in the woods from getting to them. They disliked very much to have their dead interfered with, yet it was done by unprincipled whites. It was not uncommon to see their graves opened, the bones scattered around, and the skull of an Indian set out in the log in full sight.

"The spring of 1837 was very gladly hailed by the settlers, after stemming the storms and suffering the privations of a hard winter. During this season immigrants began to come in more plentifully, and several cabins went up in Auburn. I had given one-third of the lots to the county, receiving no compensation but the as-

town lots were sold in April, 1875, and within a year 150 buildings had been constructed, ranging in cost from $150 to $76,500. In the time named $125,000 worth of lots and land had been sold to the enterprising men, and fully $300,000 has been spent in improvements and valuable buildings. A large three-story brick hotel (now the De Kalb House) was built, and meantime, while this and other accommodations were being prepared, not a few resorted to the expedients of pioneer times.

An incident worth recording is that a prize was offered to the first child born in the new city. The parents of two children claimed the honor and reward, and each child was duly honored. William Penfield, Esq., of Auburn, was the orator on the felicitous occasion.

BUSINESS.

There were as yet but five houses in Garrett when John L. Davis, of Auburn, started the pioneer hardware store of the place, and installed John Robbins (brother of Albert Robbins, of Auburn) as manager. In the same building, occupied in part by the hardware, F. E. Davenport, also of Auburn, started the first drug store, in company with Eli Kuhlman. Among the hotels put up were the De Kalb House, owned by M. & G. Ohmer, and operated by C. Kennecht; City Restaurant, by J. W. Wagner; Tarney House, by N. Tarney; and the Sargent House, by W. E. Sargent.

Dry goods stores were started by Litman Bros. & Co., T. E. & N. W. Lancaster, Joseph Wyman & Co., and L. Covell. A boot and shoe store was opened by H. Upmeyer, a wholesale grocery by Samuel G. Lemmon, and a furniture store by Roons & Rowe. E. Wing, H. Bicknell and Putt Bros. opened drug stores. Charles Beckmeyer was the first jeweler; Messrs. Clark & Embry the first butchers, and W. G. Pierce was the pioneer in the lumber trade. Saloons were soon under headway. R. Beuniston, formerly of Auburn, was the first blacksmith; and E. F. Allen, A. Landers and S. O. Hinkley followed painting. The pioneer carpenters were W. McMorgan, R. W. McLean, M. Thomas and W. J. Frederick. At the present writing, those following the trade of carpentry are, William Sanders, Walter Vaughn, Newton Hall, Harry Vaughn, C. A. Branch and Chris. Watz.

CHAPTER XI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Soldiers' Reunions.—At Auburn.—Reunion of Company D, Eighty-eighth Regiment.—Reunion of 1879.—The Sham Battle.—Reunion of 1880.—Tri-State Reunion.—Reunion at Garrett.—At Auburn in 1883.—At Waterloo in 1884.—A New Way of Getting a Drink.—They Backed Down.—Disastrous Storm.—Fall of the Snyder Block at Auburn.—Jail.—Court-House.—Spelling Match.—Wild Game.—Fox Hunts.—Sink-Hole.—Daring Burglary.—An Expensive 'Coon.—List of Early Weddings.—Manufacturers.—Economic Statistics.—Census Statistics.—Vital Statistics.—Religious Statistics.—Social Statistics.—Educational Statistics.

SOLDIERS' REUNION.

But few meetings of the old soldiers of De Kalb County have been held. The pleasure and profit of such assemblages may be made great by proper management, but the tendency to connect them with politics, and some other reasons, have made these reunions rare, here as well as elsewhere.

Sept. 28, 1876, at Auburn, the first attempt was made to hold a reunion of soldiers. The soldiers of all Northeastern Indiana were invited. The unfavorable weather in the morning kept hundreds away who had intended to be present; but even with this drawback the attendance was very large, being estimated at 5,000. The number of soldiers enrolled at headquarters reached nearly 700.

At about 11 o'clock A. M. a procession was formed on Main street, the detachment of the Defiance battery, with their gun, taking the lead, followed by detachments from the Thirtieth, Forty-fourth, Seventy-fourth, Eighty-eighth, One Hundredth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth regiments, as well as many individual representatives of other commands. The most noticeable feature of the procession was the two old, tattered flags, which had been carried by the Forty-fourth and Eighty-eighth regiments. The music, which was good, was furnished by the Angola and Auburn

Apartment plan satisfies requirements

This house belonged to Paul Clark and Josephine. Doll Clark

Debate over the proposed apartment complex at the end of Lois Lane should focus on solvable details about drainage, not on whether the complex should be built.

The proposed site of North Shapleigh Apartments has been zoned for an apartment complex since the city's zoning ordinance was adopted in 1955, and other apartment complexes are nearby. One of the few remaining vacant properties in the area north of Time Corners, the 10-acre site *will* eventually be developed, and Anthony Wayne Services will be a responsible landlord.

The non-profit group, which helps people with disabilities, plans to build a 96-unit complex on the property. About one-third of the units will be reserved for people with physical and mental disabilities, and the remainder will go to low-income renters. AWS will customize some units to address the disabilities of their residents.

Any homeowner can empathize with residents of the two-dozen houses on Lois Lane. No doubt, an apartment complex is going to change their quiet, dead-end street.

Clint Keller/The Journal Gazette

An abandoned house sits at the end of Lois Lane, off Getz Road north of Time Corners. Anthony Wayne Services plans to build North Shapleigh apartments at the site.

Fortunately, the homes are set back from the street. AWS and the developer, Gary Probst, will pay to improve Lois Lane, adding a sidewalk and turn lane at Getz Road. Bill Swiss, president of AWS, expects residents of North Shapleigh to use fewer autos and have greater dependence on bus service than most similarly sized complexes. That is the experience at Newburyport apartments on Reed Road just north of Lake Avenue, another AWS-owned complex built by the same developer.

Lois Lane neighbors have raised objections, saying that some of the complex lies in a flood plain and that wetlands will be destroyed. The developers are consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers, Indiana Department of Environmental Management and city Plan Commission to make sure all environmental concerns are addressed. The amount of wetlands is minimal; no buildings will lie in the flood plain; and plans for a detention pond were removed to quicken drainage.

The area is not a pristine, never-touched-by-humans woods. The ditch that runs through the property was moved about 10 years ago. A long-abandoned house lies on a small portion of the property.

Opponents are right to demand that environmental laws are met. AWS and the developer have pledged to meet – and in some cases, exceed – all environmental regulations. North Shapleigh Apartments will serve a neglected segment of the community.

The land has been zoned for apartments for 45 years – let them be built.

WASHINGTON – The CIA provided secret funding to Chilean opposition parties in the early 1970s to try to undermine President Salvador Allende's socialist government, according to newly declassified documents released Monday.

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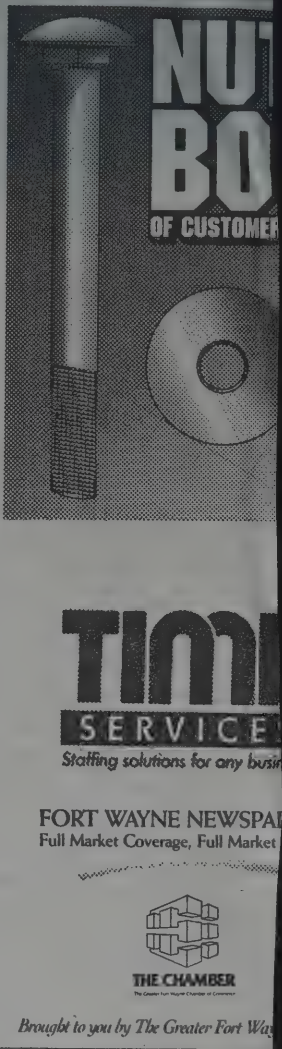

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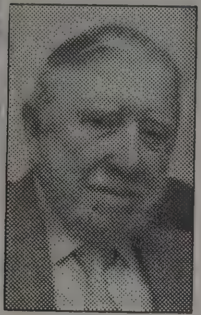
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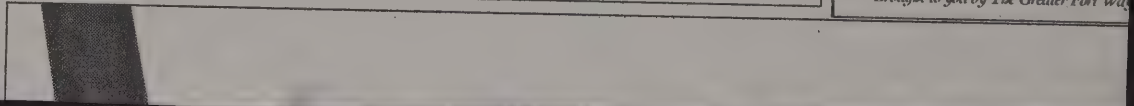

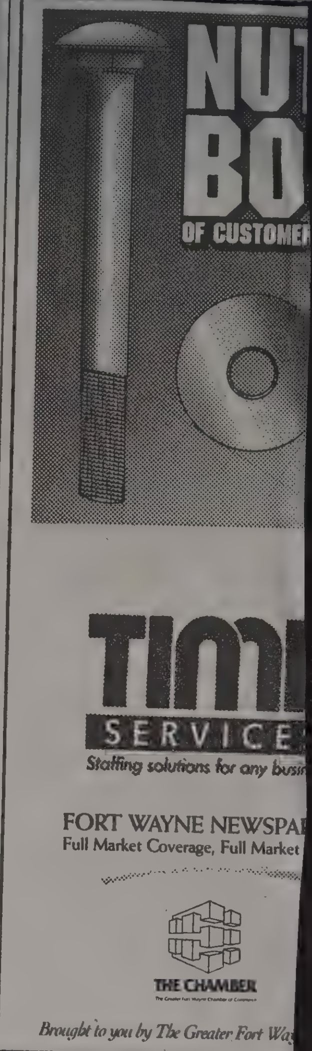
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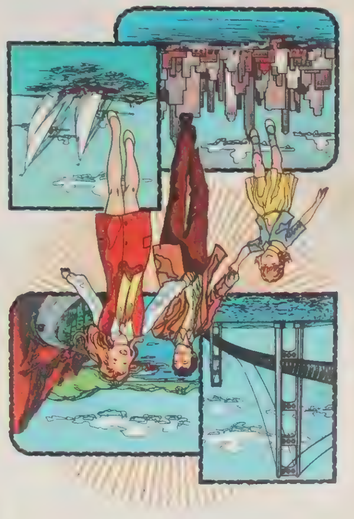

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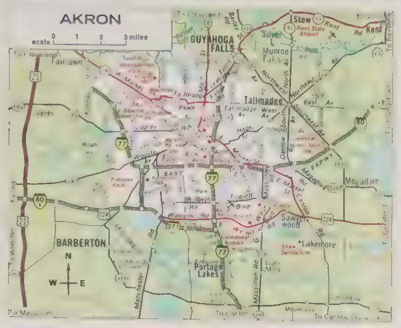

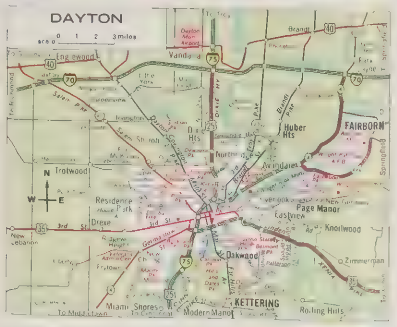

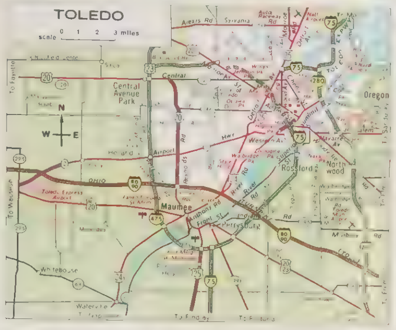

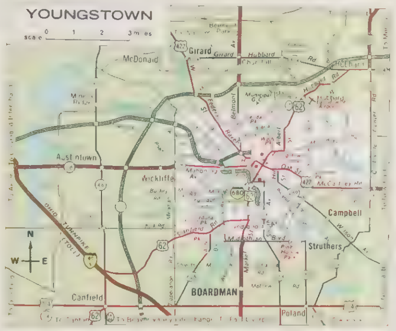

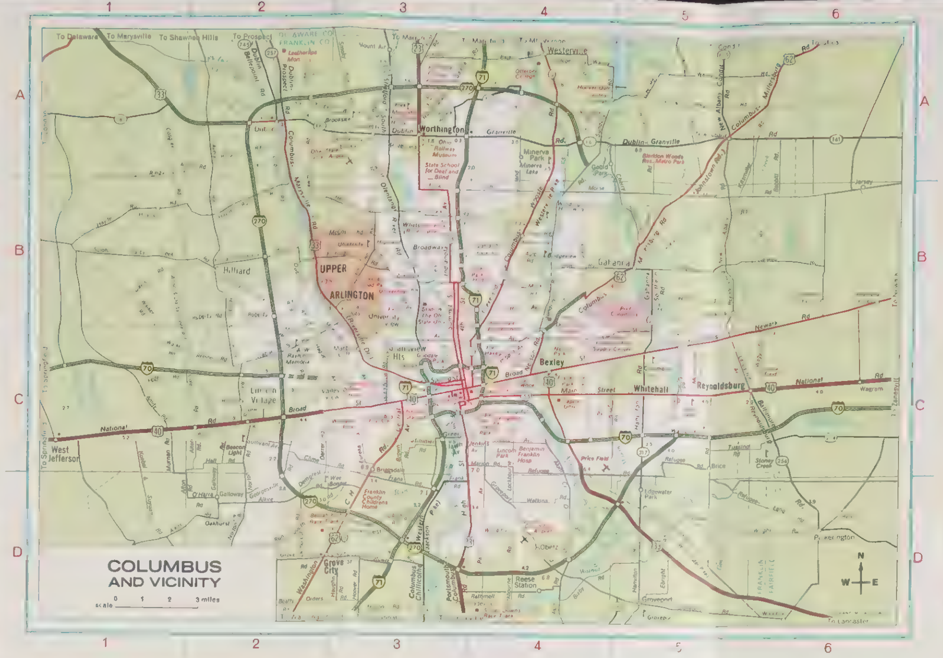

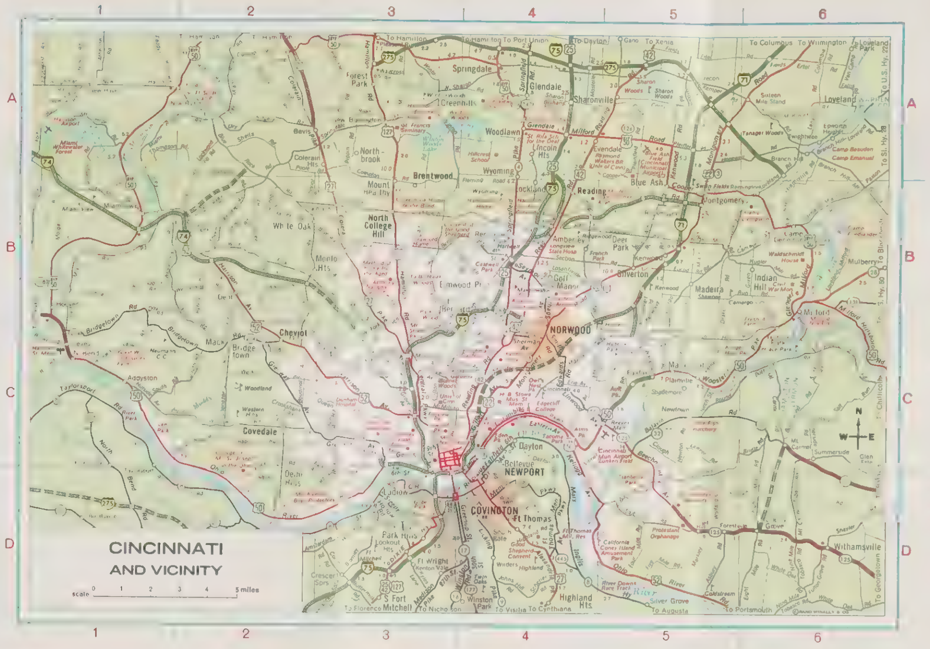

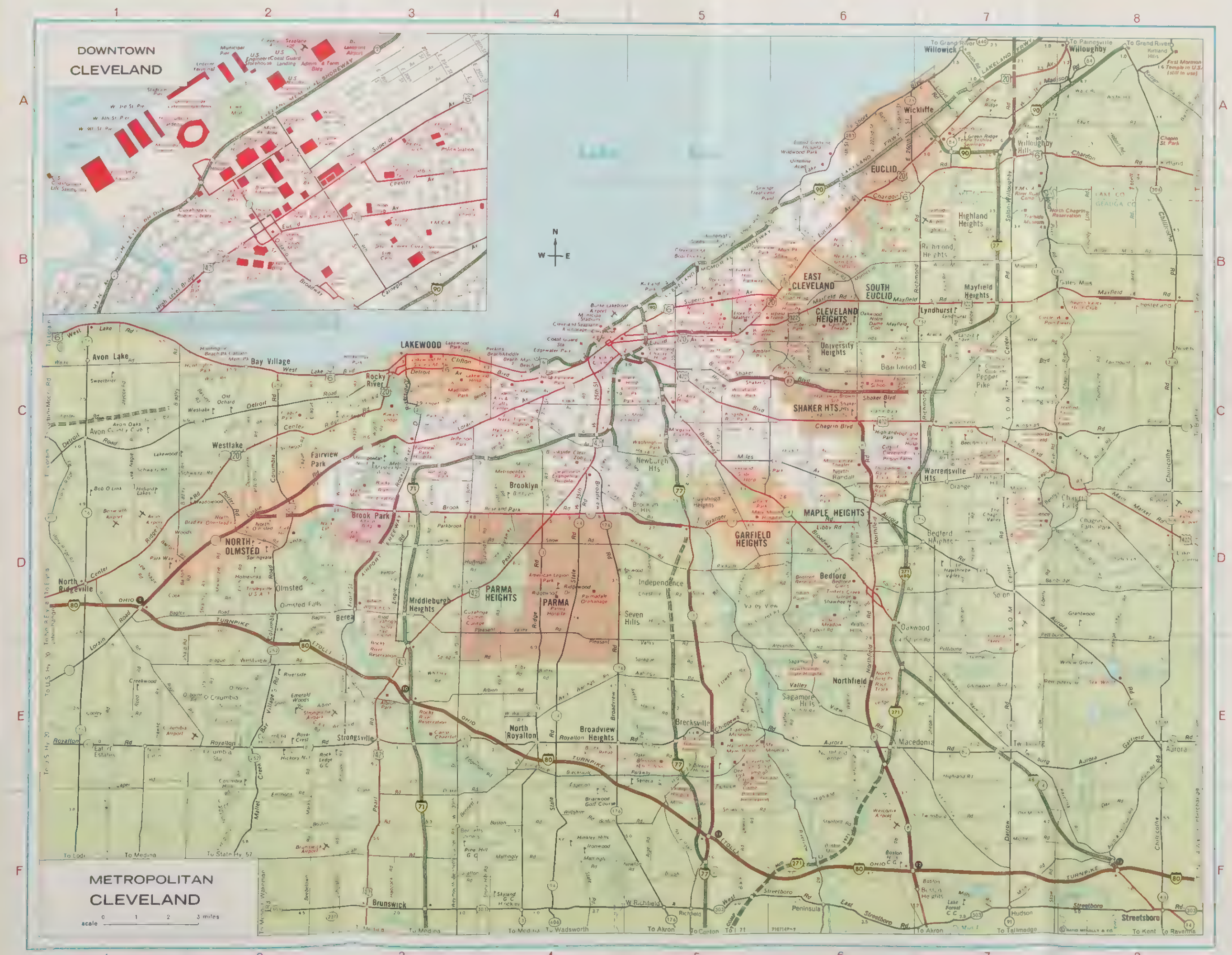

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The buckeye tree furnished pioneers with everything from hats to spoons and bowls so they called Ohio the buckeye state. Since pioneer days Ohio has become one of the nation's leading industrial states. Its cities are proud of its great museums, symphony orchestras, and major league sports. But much of Ohio is serene countryside with idyllic small towns. Today strings of barges are pushed along the beautiful Ohio by diesel tow boats, but the river flows as majestically as it did when it was the waterway for the flatboats and rafts of westering pioneers. Ohio, with its Lake Erie islands and coast and its renowned river, is one of the Midwest's playgrounds.

Akron (D-11)—Gen. Simon Perkins founded Akron and built his mansion at what is now Copley Road and S. Portage Path. Abolitionist John Brown lived in a house across the street at 514 Diagonal Road. Both houses are open to the public. Akron started on its way to becoming America's rubber city when B. F. Goodrich built a rubber plant there in 1870. Tours of the tire plants and of the Goodyear Rubber Exhibit in Goodyear Hall highlight a visit to Akron. The Goodyear Aircraft Hangar is at the m[illegible] Stan Hywet Hall, 714 N. Portage Path, is a hu[illegible] and was given to the city by the Seiberlin[illegible] from all over America compete in the soap box [illegible] held at Derby Downs at the Municipal Airport.

Ashtabula (A-13)—Escaped slaves hid at the Hubbard House at the northwest corner of [illegible]

Bainbridge (K-6)—In 182[illegible] founded the first dental school in the Un[illegible] in a building on Main St. which is now a Dental Museum.

Bath (D-11)—The Jonathan Hale home, erected in 1825 on Oak Hill Road, is furnished with antiques.

Bellefontaine (G-4)—The first concrete street built in the nation circles the courthouse.

Canton (E-12)—William [illegible] Front Porch Campaign from his Cant[illegible] he was assassinated he was buried at the Mc[illegible] Westlawn Cemetery. The Canton Art Ins[illegible] Market Ave. [illegible] relics of President McKinley and exhibits art.

Cedar Point (C-8)—This historic lake resort has been refurbished with monorail and riverboat rides.

Chillicothe (K-7)—First ca[illegible] Ohio. Chillicothe [illegible] many historic mansions [illegible] 93 E. Main; and Adena, the residence of Gov. Thomas Worthington, is on West Allen Ave. Ohio's Constitution Table is in the Ross County Historical Society Museum, 45 W. 5th St. The Chillicothe Gazette, 50 W. Main, is the oldest newspaper west of the Alleghenies. A printing museum is in the lobby.

Cincinnati (L-2)—Visitors ascend the 49-story Carew Tower for a view of the "Queen City." The city contains several noted museums, including: Taft Museum, 316 Pike St., which houses a fine art collection; Cincinnati Art Museum, in Eden Park, one of the outstanding museums of the nation, and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, 1720 Gilbert Ave. The Cincinnati Zoo, at Vine St. and Erkenbrecher Ave., pioneered in exhibiting animals al fresco. The Mount Airy Arboretum in Mount Airy Forest and the Irwin M. Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park appeal to naturalists. A museum of Negro history is in the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe's father at 2950 Gilbert Ave. Scenic excursions may be taken on river boats reminiscent of the colorful sternwheelers which leave from the Cincinnati docks.

Cleveland (B-11)—Metropolis of Ohio, Cleveland is an industrial and cultural giant. The Mall, America's first civic center, is at the heart of the city. From an observatory on the 708-foot Terminal Tower v[illegible] Among the great museum[illegible] of Art, 11150 East Blvd. [illegible] East Blvd., the Clevelan[illegible] E. 72nd, the Western Re[illegible] Blvd. The Cleveland Zo[illegible] Park is in Brookside Park. Old Cleveland can be seen at the Dunham Tavern, 6709 Euclid Ave., an early-day stagecoach station.

Columbus (H-7)—The Doric Ohio State Capitol and the splendid statuary on its grounds and the campus of the Ohio State University attract tourists. Visitors to the campus enjoy the Ohio State Museum. The Center [illegible] 280 E. Broad St. includes the [illegible] the Battelle Planetarium. [illegible] E. Broad St. and Wash[illegible] Columbus artist George E[illegible] its captive-born gorillas a[illegible]

Dayton (I-3)—Home of inventors Charles Kettering and the Wright brothers, Dayton has become a major industrial center. The city also is proud of its museums: the Dayton Art Institute, Forest and Riverview [illegible] the Museum of Natural History, 2629 Ridge Ave.; the outdoor Progress of Transportation Museum in Carillon Park. The Air Force Museum is at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and there is a memorial to the Wright brothers north of Wright Field on Ohio 4.

Fremont (C-6)—President [illegible] and a Hayes library and museum can be visited [illegible] the Hayes estate.

Gallipolis (M-9)—Our Ho[illegible] a early-day tavern [illegible] a museum.

Mansfield (E-8)—Kingwoo[illegible] gardens surround Kingwood Hall, a French provincial mansion.

Marietta (J-11)—The capital of the Northwest Territory was located here in 1788. Campus Martius Fort, which sheltered pioneers from hostile Indians, is now a state museum.

Mentor (B-12)—Lawnfield, home of James A. Garfield, and a replica of the log cabin in which he was born are open to the public.

New Philadelphia (F-11)—Moravians founded Schoenbrunn Village in 1772, but it was abandoned under Indian attack. Now much of the historic town has been restored.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial National Monument (B-7)—Car ferries take visitors to Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island, where Perry's fleet defeated the British in the War of 1812.

Russell (C-12)—A huge geodesic dome in Metals Park, Ohio 87, shelters a mineral garden and the headquarters of the American Society for Metals.

Toledo (B-5)—Toledo Museum of Art, Monroe St. at Scottwood Ave., in this city of glass, exhibits fine art and outstanding glass displays. The To[illegible] excellent.

Unionville (A-13)—Shand[illegible] contains the original furnishings of th[illegible] Harper family.

Urbana (H-4)—Simon Ken[illegible] Oak Dale Cemetery, as is [illegible] Adams Ward whose grave is marked by his statue, "The Indian Hunter."

Youngstown (D-14)—Mill Creek Park includes a 6-mile-long gorge, Lanterman Falls a[illegible] Museum.

Zoar (F-11)—Number O[illegible] of this German village founded in 1817, has been restored.

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Adams Lake	M-5	86				X	X	X	X			X
A. W. Marion	J-7	412				X		X	X			X
Barkcamp	H-13	1,121				X	X	X	X			
Beaver Creek	E-14	2,202	X			X	X		X			
Blue Rock	I-10	337	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buckeye Lake	I-8	3,323				X		X	X		X	X
Burr Oak	J-10	3,167	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Catawba	B-7	9				X		X	X			X
Cowan Lake	K-4	1,749	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Crane Creek	B-6	72				X	X		X		X	
Delaware Res	G-6	7,378	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Dillon Res	H-9	6,675	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
East Harbor	B-7	1,613	X			X	X	X	X		X	
Findley	D-9	917	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Forked Run	L-10	794	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grand Lake St. Marys	F-2	13,849	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Guilford Lake	E-13	488	X			X		X	X		X	X
Harrison Lake	B-3	246	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Headlands Beach	B-12	120				X			X		X	X
Hocking Hills (6-Divisions)	J-8	1,735								X		
Ash Cave (No. 1)	J-8					X	X					
Cantwell Cliffs (No. 2)	J-8					X	X					
Cedar Falls (No. 3)	J-8					X	X					
Conkels Hollow (No. 4)	J-8					X	X					
Old Man's Cave (No. 5)	J-8		X			X	X					
Rock House (No. 6)	J-8					X	X					
Hueston Woods	J-1	3,596	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Independence Dam	C-3	330	X			X	X	X	X			
Indian Lake	F-4	6,424	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Jefferson Lake	F-13	933	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
John Bryan	I-4	795	X			X	X		X		X	X
Kelleys Island	B-8	594	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Kiser Lake	H-4	822	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Lake Alma	K-8	231	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Lake Hope	K-9	3,218	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Logan	J-8	715				X		X	X		X	X
Lake Loramie	G-3	1,942	X			X		X	X		X	X
Lake White	K-6	328	X			X		X	X		X	X
Madison Lake	I-5	180				X		X	X		X	X
Mohican	F-9	1,039	X	X		X	X		X	X		X
Mosquito	C-13	11,857	X			X		X	X		X	X
Mt. Gilead	F-7	172	X			X		X	X			X
Pike Lake	K-6	500	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Portage Lakes	E-11	2,443				X		X	X		X	X
Portsmouth	M-8	664	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Punderson	C-12	733	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Pymatuning	B-14	4,919	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Rocky Fork	K-5	3,475	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Scioto Trail	K-7	248	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
South Bass Island	B-7	32	X	X		X		X	X		X	X
Stonelick	K-3	1,053	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Strouds Run	K-10	2,606				X	X	X	X		X	X
Tar Hollow	K-7	540	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Van Buren	D-5	138	X			X		X	X			X
West Branch	D-12	7,889	X			X	X	X	X			
Wolf Run	I-11	1,238	X			X	X	X	X		X	

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Cities and towns 1960 Census or latest estimate
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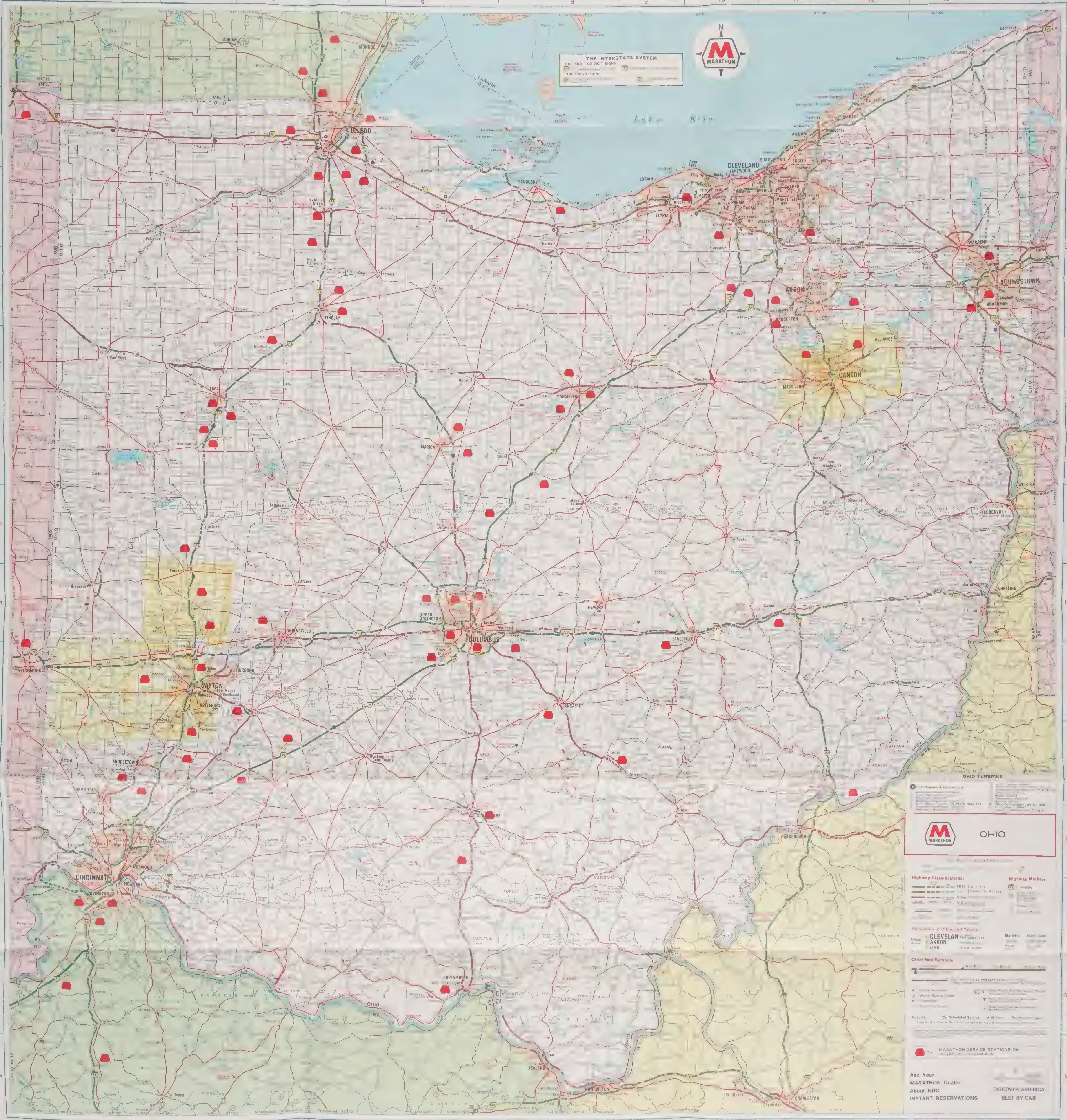
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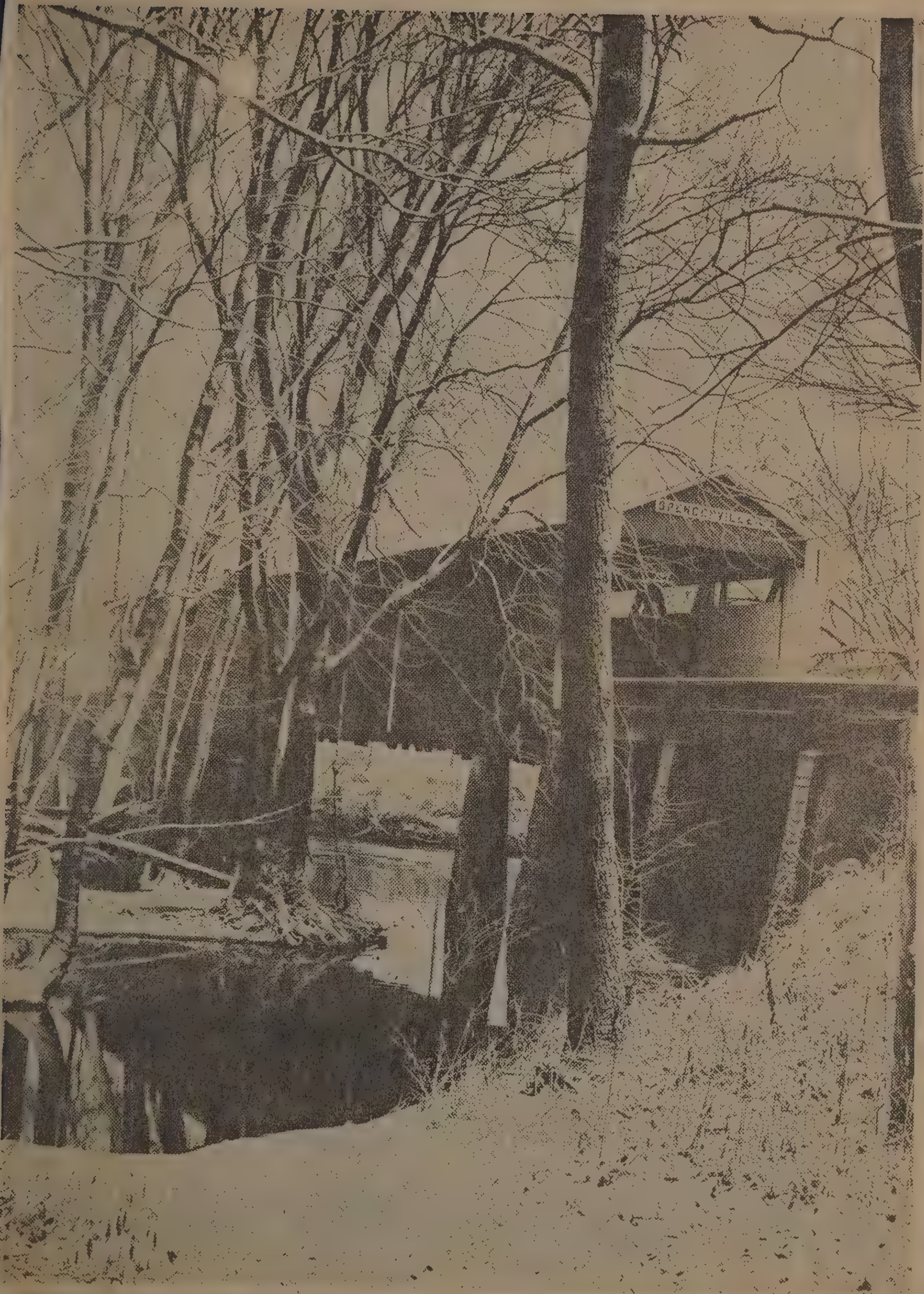

WHITE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS—A postholiday dusting of snow and the century-old Spencerville covered bridge lend a greeting card look to this southern DeKalb County scene.—Staff photo by John Sorensen.

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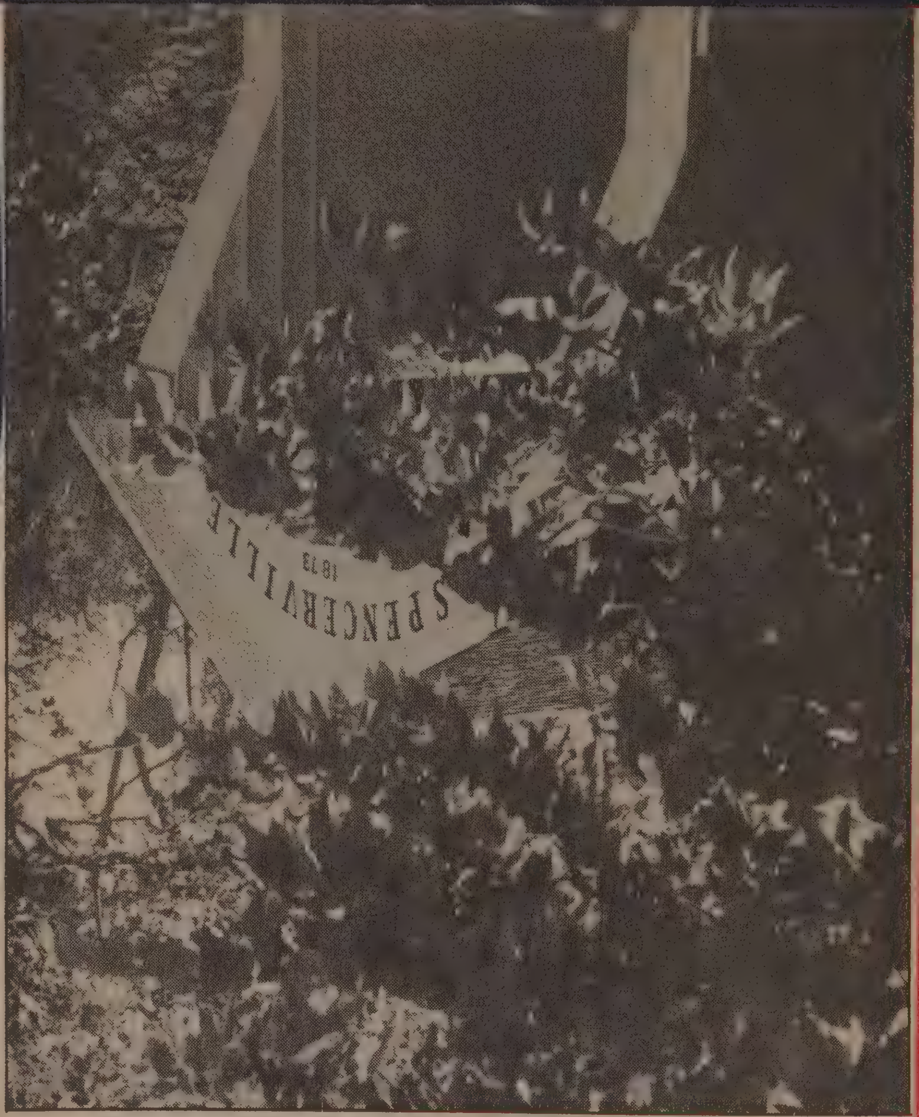

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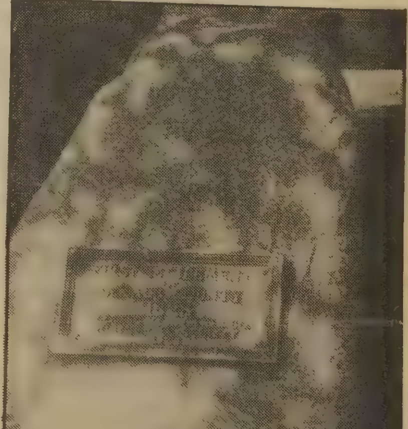

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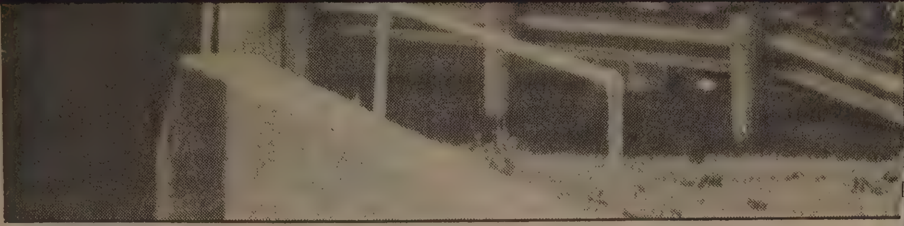

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Vickie Steffen, Auburn, also completed the raining course.

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King will continue to and regional coordination functions of the non-profit corporation, as well as assist in long-range planning and financing for the corporation.

Other officers elected at the June meeting were William Kerr, president; and Frank Gray, secretary.

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The five-day program was sponsored by Specialty Advertising Association International.

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Auburn organist to play Sunday

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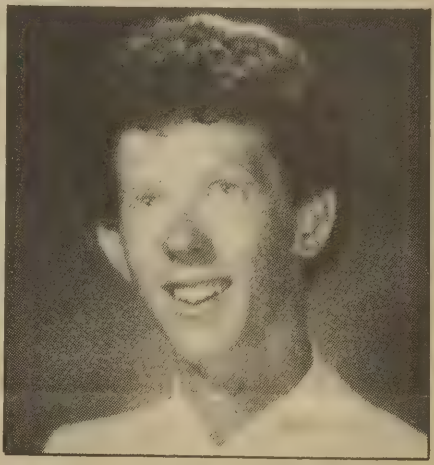

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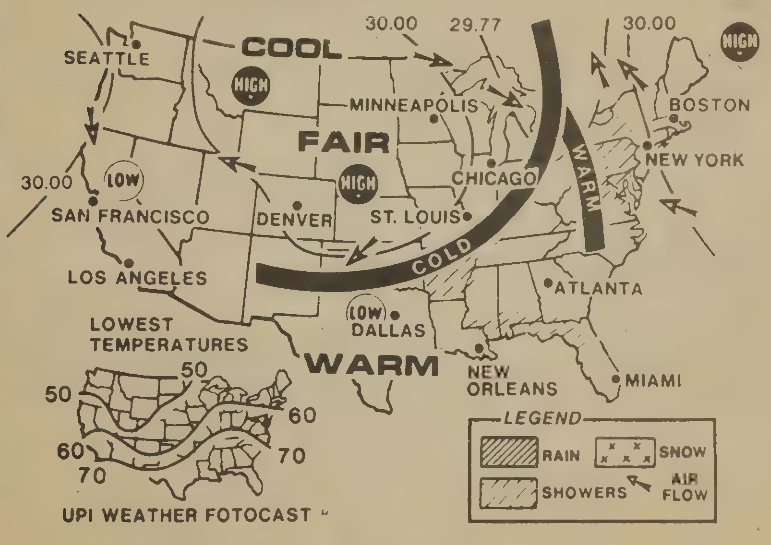

Rain predicted

By United Press International

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"People tell me it's been a dry spring, which means the rivers are not flowing full into the loch," one member of the expedition explained. "The salmon coming in from the ocean should be congregating in the bay now. But they can't get up the rivers to spawn, they are trapped for the time being. That means the monsters are likely to be in the bay, too, feeding on the salmon."

Where the cameras and lights are lowered, 300 feet offshore, the bay is some 60 feet deep — shallow as things go in

House facing work backlog

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Spurred by a new law setting legislative deadlines, the House faces an unprecedented work schedule this week calling for action on six major appropriations bills, including the $106 billion defense measure.

The heavy schedule comes at a time when Congress is embroiled in sex scandal allegations affecting at least two House members — Reps. Wayne Hays, D-Ohio, and John Young, D-Tex.

The House will try to pass and send to the Senate appropriation bills for treasury and postal service, public works, agriculture, state-justice and defense.

Action also was planned on several controversial authorization bills affecting the State Department, U.S. Information Agency, economic development, land use and nuclear fuel safeguards. That made the week's schedule one of the heaviest in memory.

The Senate may start work on a massive tax reform bill with scores of changes made by its Finance Committee from a reform bill the House passed this year.

Senate action also may include work on the Environmental Protection Agency authorization bill, a controversial lobbying measure and other bills.

The House Ethics Committee will continue investigating allegations Hays used federal money to keep a mistress despite the fact the congressman is in Ohio recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills.

The ethics panel also may decide this week to look into the Young case, which involves similar allegations. And

Robert L.F. Sikes, D-Fla., charged by a citizens group, Common Cause, with using his office for personal gain.

House Democrats, meantime, will meet in caucus Wednesday but are expected to put off action on a resolution designed to strip Hays of his chairmanship of the House Administration Committee.

All money bills to operate the government in fiscal year 1977, which begins Oct. 1, emerged for the first time from the House Appropriations Committee this year in a single package.

The 1974 Budget Act requires Congress to complete work on all appropriations measures by Sept. 13, when the bills must be on their way to the White House. The House plans to pass all the bills within the next two weeks. Then the Senate must act on them, and inevitable differences will have to be resolved in conference committees.

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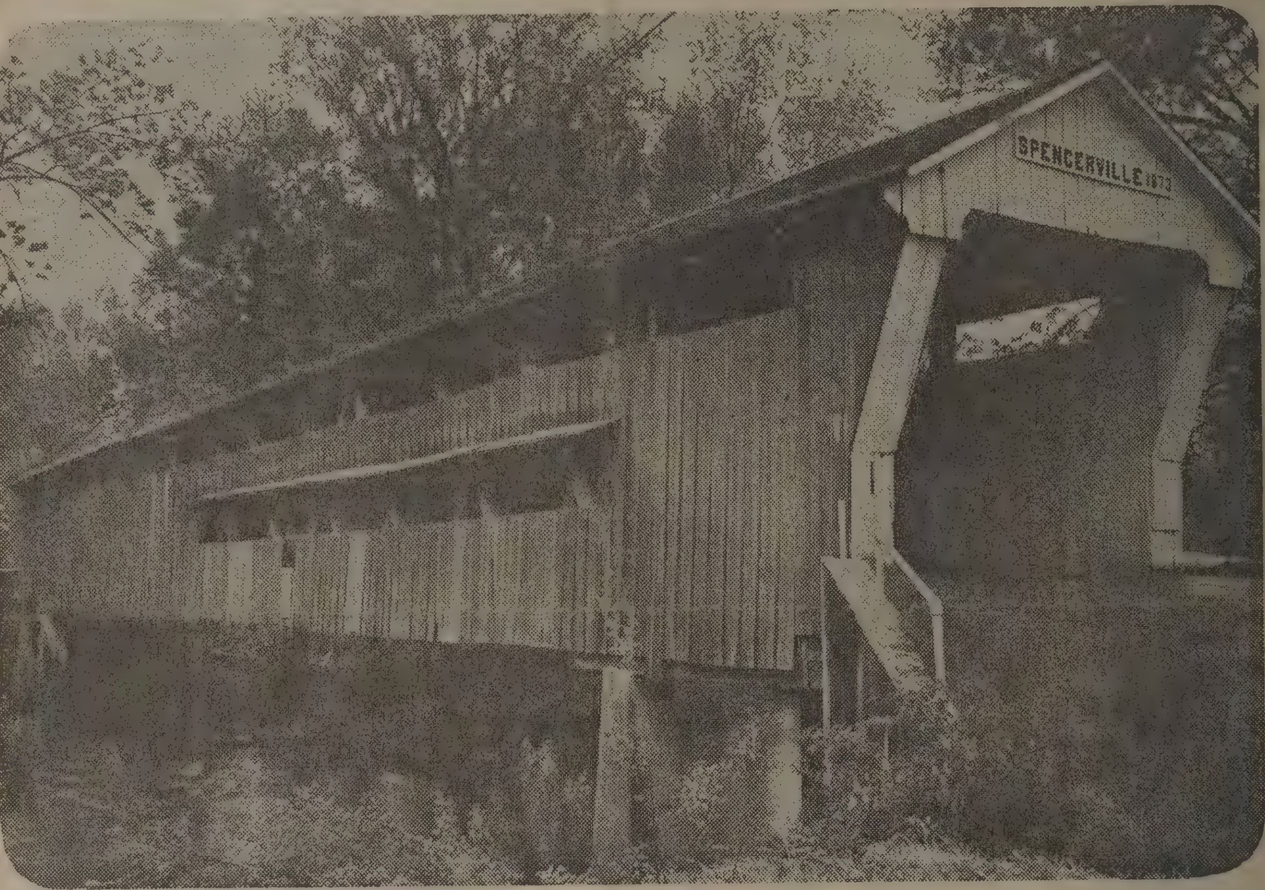

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By DAVE KURTZ

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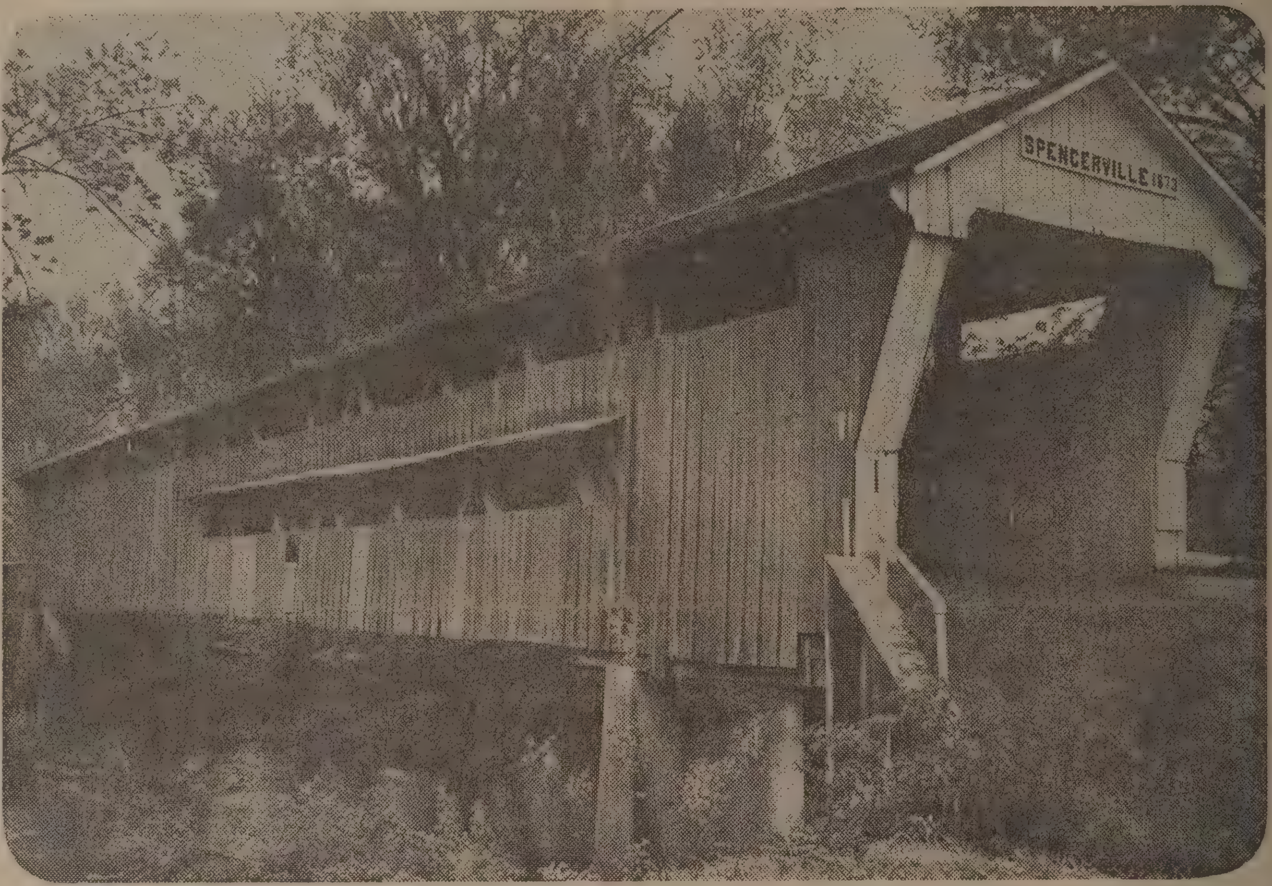

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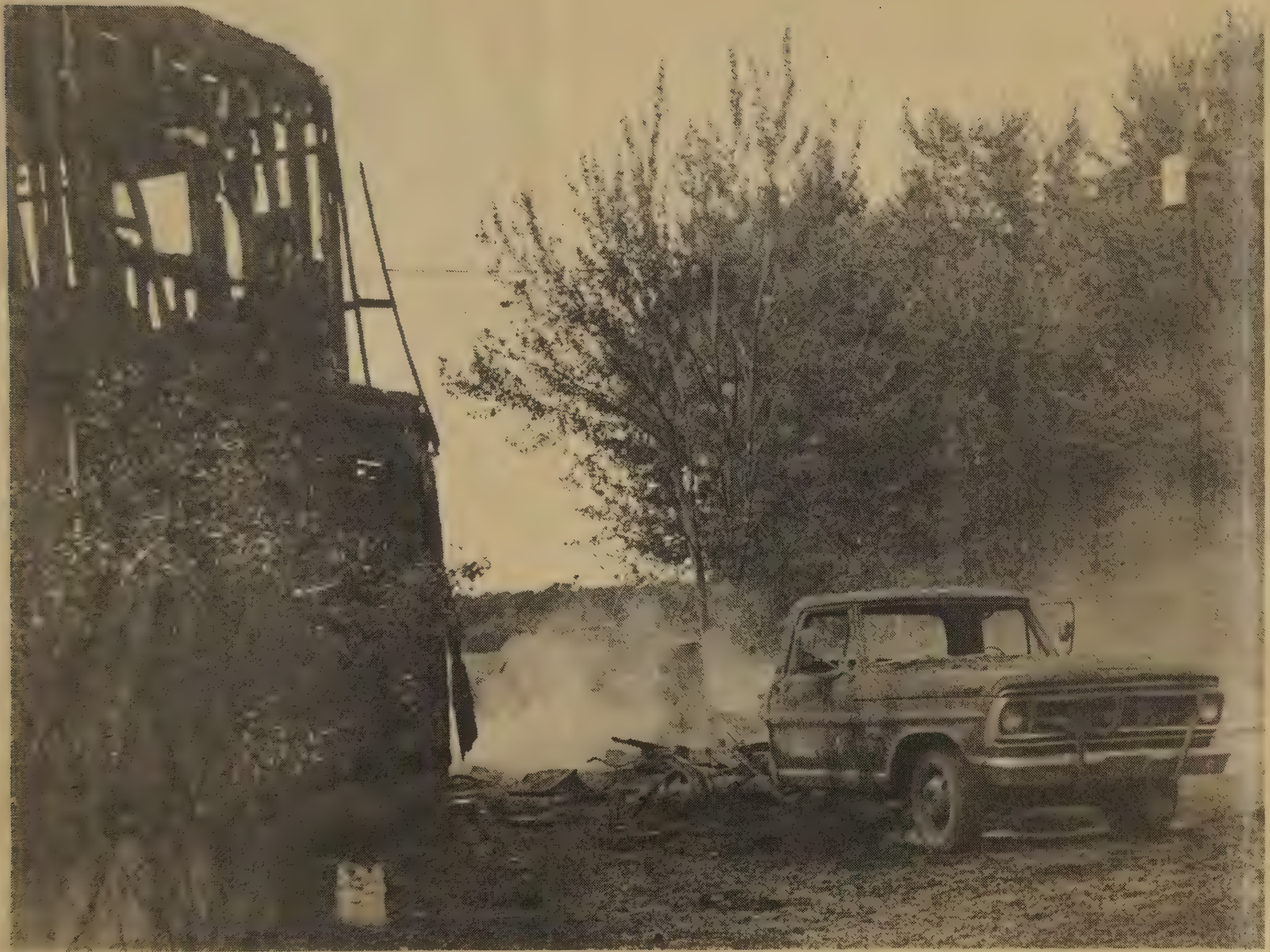

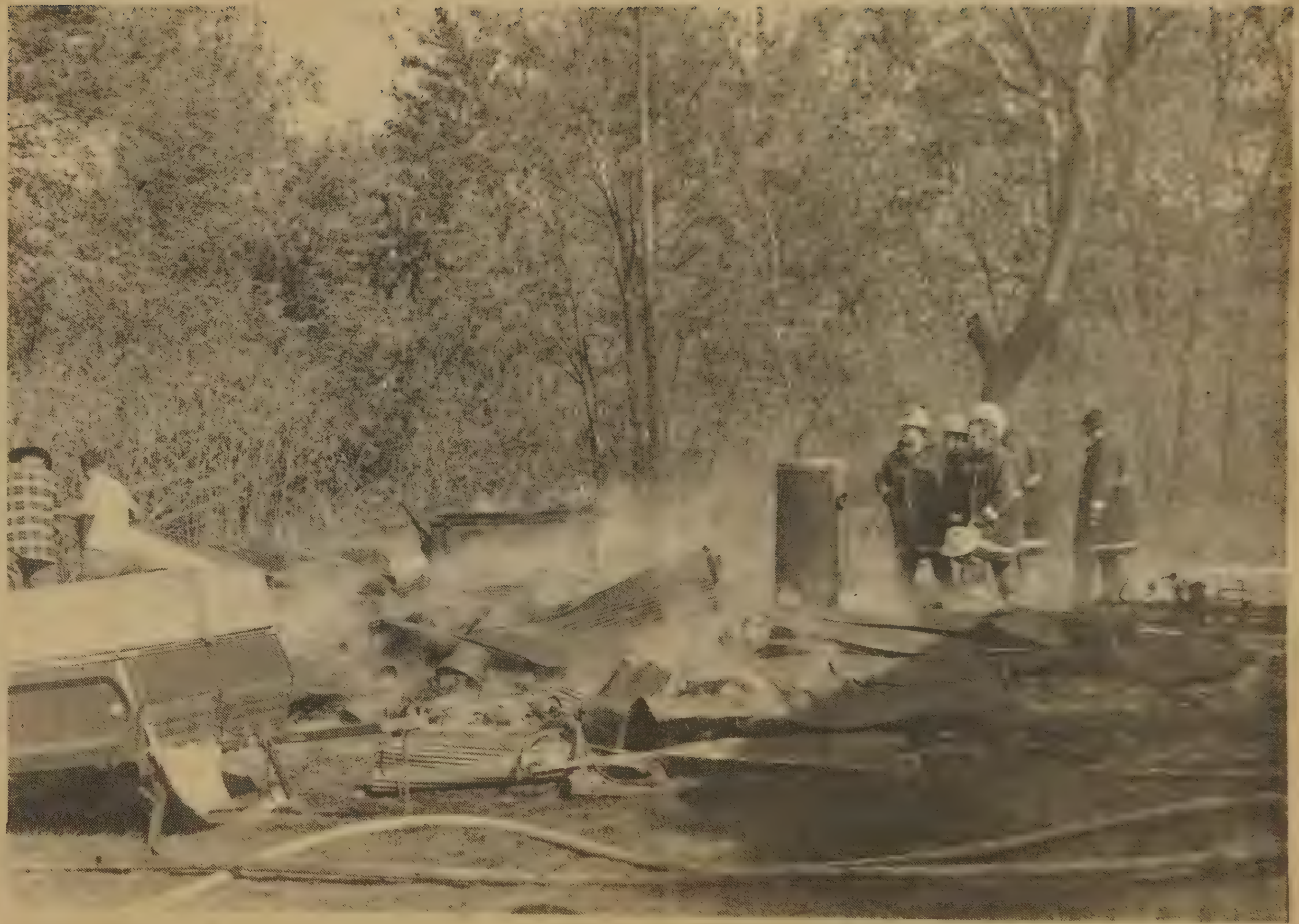

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IRA ends hunger strikes

BELFAST, Northern (UPI) — Inmates at the Maze Prison today called off their seven-month hunger strike which has claimed 10 lives, sources at the Republican Press Center in Belfast said.

The Northern Ireland Office said they had no official notification that the hunger strike was over, but it was their understanding that it had been called off. The end of the fasts came after families of all but one of the six remaining fasting inmates said they would not let the prisoners die.

The collapse of the hunger strike came after five inmates abandoned the fast voluntarily or through intervention of relatives. Seven prisoners have quit since the protest began March 1.

Michael Devine, the last of the 10 victims of the hunger strike died Aug. 20. The first self-starvation death was Bobby Sands who started the protest for prison reform and won election to the British Parliament while fasting.

Sands died on May 5, the 66th day of his "fast to the death."

The IRA prisoners began the strike to force Britain to grant political prisoner status to the inmates, but Britain remained adamant throughout claiming the prisoners were terrorists.

The innmates sought five demands — permission to wear their own clothes, to be excused from prison work, free association with other inmates, increased mail priveleges and a reduction of their sentences for time served.

But Britain, which administers Northern Ireland, said that giving the prisoners free association would allow them to run the jail and use it as a school for terrorists and a bomb factory.

In what they admitted was a "cold" statement, IRA supporters of the fast said Friday that the hunger strikers had to be allowed to die to force concessions from the British government.

Observers interpreted the statement as an indication that the fasts would collapse.

"Unless the prisoners can find a means of overcoming the intervention of relatives, they must reassess the hunger strike," the IRA's political arm, Sinn Fein said.

Richard McAuley, spokesman for Sinn Fein, the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, admitted the decision by the families to take their relatives off the hunger strike once the inmates lose consciousness undermined the protest.

"Unless the prisoners can find a means of overcoming the intervention of relatives, they must reassess the hunger strike," McAuley said.

McAuley said without the continuation of the protest, the British government was "under little or no pressure from the hunger strike" to grant the prisoners' five demands for political status.

Rev. Denis Paul, a Maze prison chaplain, announced Friday that relatives of five of the six Republican inmates on hunger strike told him they would authorize medical treatment if they could not persuade the prisoners to break their fast voluntarily.

The protest "may end very quickly and whereas I thought I thought it would continue until December 1 believe now it will be over by November 1," Rev. Paul said.

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Liam McCloskey, 25, was the latest inmate to abandon the fast. He agreed to medical treatment last Saturday after his mother Philomena told him she would interevene is he lapsed into a coma.

Last month, the extreme Irish National Liberation Army all but abandoned the hunger strike because the British government had been "much more intransigent than we expected and at the current rate all of our p[illegible] would be dead within six months."

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Auburn auto dealer Ben Davis (left) and his sales manager, Bill Bellamy stand behind the Grand Champion 4-H Lamb after [illegible] were Steve Lechleidner (kneeling, right), who raised the lamb, and his new wife, Susan. Davis and Bellamy [illegible]

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Slow or thorough? It depends on your point of view

Spotlight on Seniors

By Frances Doll

The shortest month, February, is swiftly becoming past tense. The frisky month has certainly kept us from getting bored with the weather. Its changes were remarkable, from near zero to a heat wave and the reverse. But look out, March is knocking on the door and only time will tell if it comes in roaring like a lion or peaceful as a lamb.

Actually March comes in and whistles by with a wind song. Nature begins its awakening from an ice-frozen sleep. Why? Because it had a very friendly rendezvous with spring.

The pussy willows awaken and the maple trees cast a smoky blue haze. The robins and possibly a red bird begin calling for food and attention. A shy little crocus peeps its little head through the snow. March is trying very hard to lock out Old Man Winter and open a new door to spring, sunshine and warm breezes.

Tomorrow is a red-letter day, for the Red Cross Bloodmobile will pay another visit to Auburn from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Please, if you are healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds, be a volunteer. The Red Cross depends on volunteers only to keep the blood supply close to normal. If you have made a reservation, please keep it. If you do not have one, dial 1-800-GIVE LIFE and make one, or come out Friday and a spot will be found for you.

We had a banner day Feb. 10; let's make tomorrow even better. Volunteer help is always needed, especially men, to set up in the morning and put the room in order at the close of the day. Men, we need your help!

I'll not ask for money, but I'll beg for your blood. I've even been accused of being able to sell ice to the Eskimos, so expect an invitation for a reservation for the next time.

I have been told all my life that each person on this earth has the right to his or her own point of view, but one needs to be a bit careful when trying to inflict it on others. A few days ago, I read an article on point of view and it rather disturbed me. At first, I vaguely wondered why, but later I realized that maybe in the past 16 years, I had written the same things about myself. For example:

- When others take a long time to do something, they are slow, but when I take a long time, I'm thorough. When others around me do not do certain tasks, they are lazy, but when I do not do them, I'm too busy.
- When others do things on their own without being told, they are overstepping their bounds, but when I do it, it's initiative.
- When others take a positive stand on an issue, they are bullheads, but not me, I'm just standing firm.
- If others overlook a rule of etiquette, it is rude, but if I do, it is just being original.
- When those around me or other co-workers try to please the boss, they are accused of polishing the brass. I'm so different — I'm just being cooperative.
- If others get ahead, they are really getting the breaks, but it only happens to me through hard work, sweat and patience.

Isn't it strange that by changing our point of view, we change white to black or black to white? Yet it happens all the time. Being human makes it difficult to take a more lenient view of our behavior than we do of others and their actions. However, I've learned, and you can too, to give the same tolerance and understanding to others as we grant to ourselves. No doubt we will get along better and achieve a greater share of personal success and happiness. I've tried it, as I know I've been a bit too firm in my judgments, so you do likewise.

In Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on East Seventh Street, we have had a very active senior citizens organization known as RSVP. This organization serves DeKalb, Noble and Steuben counties and is organized under the direction of Catholic Charities, but it is definitely a non-partisan group.

RSVP exists so that people like you and me, retired but filled with energy and knowledge to spare, can make a big difference in the community. If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to join RSVP. You have lived a lifetime, spending it to develop skills, refine talents and build knowledge and abilities. You are a rich resource and your free time gives you a great opportunity to share with the community.

Be a volunteer and join the group already doing that. More than 300 volunteers in local RSVP groups contribute 75,000 hours annually. If you are ready to share your experiences and like to balance your leisure time with services that mean something, please dial 925-0917 or stop in at the office, and RSVP will welcome you. You will find a lot of choices in volunteer jobs and it is a friendly place to spend your time usefully. The organization is busy now planning for an auction for a day in April. Watch for details!

The term "senior citizen" falls on my ears with a dull thud, as I can think of better things to call us. How about "mature Americans" or "experienced persons?" "Silver citizens" denotes value and dignity, seasoned persons who are someone to be cherished. I don't even mind being called an "old lady," for I am proud of the skills and experience age has given me. Best of all, I like the term used by Hugh Downs, a man of many years as a TV announcer. He calls us the "Prime Generation." Don't ever forget that folks over the age of 60 are real people and hold an important place in the community.

Voters urged to go to the polls

Spotlight on Seniors

By Frances Doll

October in all its glory is about to say bye-bye. Almost everyone loves the bright hues of autumn leaves, but have you ever taken a stroll through the woodlands when the trees are nearly bare and no longer the center of attention? One of the greatest shows on earth can be found there, just for the looking.

The newly fallen leaves cover the ground and spread their colors out among the trees and undergrowth at your feet. Each step is like walking on a deep-pile woven Persian carpet. Each tree species has its own autumn color, whether scarlet, gold or even deep purple. If your woods was fortunate to have several species of fir or evergreen family among the towering oaks and maples, it was a sight to behold. We had several of those trees in our woods on the farm and at one time, many more before Christmas tree hunters invaded our privacy and toted several away.

The leaf carpet only boasts its hues for a few days. The sunlight has deserted them, life has escaped, glory fades day by day, and a compost pile is all that remains. However, those few days hold many memories.

Auburn is still looking great, and leaf pickup begins this weekend. The task of cleaning them all up won't be a little one.

Everywhere one looks these days, one can see pumpkins, pumpkins and more pumpkins. I went to the farmers' market Saturday, and maybe I was too early, but all I found were pumpkins and cider. Sad to say, I didn't want either. Porches are aglow with jack-o'-lanterns and I hope they remain intact until after Halloween.

Halloween is a very spooky night but also lots of fun. Many, many years ago, the Romans and the Celts celebrated Halloween on Oct. 31, and the next day, Nov. 1, they celebrated All Saints Day or All Hallows Day.

Back then, if you had nerve enough to venture out Oct. 31, you carried a large turnip, always available at harvest time, hollowed out and containing a candle to light your way. Some carried pumpkins and soon almost all of Europe adopted the custom of jack-o'-lanterns.

The pumpkin-turned-jack-o'-lantern is a sight to see in this modern world. Beautifully carved or hand-painted and housing a light bulb, they glow in the dark all over town and countryside. Pumpkins, goblins, ghosts and all ghoulish things associated with Halloween are here again, but it's fun for the youth and even we old folks enjoy the costumed youngsters.

Hey, grandma and grandpa, don't you remember some of the little tricks you were guilty of performing? Not destructive things, but ringing doorbells and then running away like mad before the door was opened? Didn't you ever ring a school bell or church bell, or upset a little old building that sat at the rear of the lot, the unmodern bathroom?

It was real fun to see who could make the oddest, loveliest or most hideous jack-o'-lantern. Picking a pumpkin for a jack-o'-lantern was just as important as selecting a Christmas tree.

Halloween comes but once a year. It's a fun night and I hope parents will accompany the little costumed youngsters as they attend public events or go trick-or-treating. A big celebration is planned for Auburn, which will culminate in Eckhart Park. Watch the paper for details.

Coming up soon is Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5. This is a local, state and national election and folks, please visit the polls and cast your vote. If you are unable to go to the polls, call the clerk's office or your party chairman and tell them you need to vote absentee. This year, absentee voting can be done by mail! Check into it now!

Too many people do not use the privilege of casting their votes and I wonder why. Rumors say we're not politically minded and anyway, what is one vote? That's a sad position to be in. Your vote does count. Failure to vote means you don't exercise the right to be involved in making decisions. You are denying a right of freedom for which many have given their lives.

Your vote counts! Records show many cases where one vote really made a difference. Here are two examples:

In 1776, one vote gave Americans the English language instead of German.

In 1941, one vote preserved the U.S. Selective Service Act (a draft of military people) just 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor.

The polls are open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. — please make your appearance.

Recently on TV we have seen two nice ladies appear at the political conventions and speak for their husbands concerning the upcoming elections. One thing is for certain, no matter how political she becomes, the first lady will always be a woman married to a specific president — until, of course, we elect a woman as president. Politics will always be with us as long as people disagree about ends or means, so do your part and vote Nov. 5. The secret ballot is a privilege and deserves appreciation. Elections cost money — your money — so be a part of this's year's election.

With autumn days becoming more chilly, we realize winter will come before we know it. Bad weather often causes a few folks to have what some call depression. While the sun shines brightly, it's not too big a problem, but when one needs to stay inside, it can be. Don't let it happen to you. Look on the bright side of life. Get into situations where you can test yourself. Never put yourself down when you make mistakes — just try not to repeat them. Think like a winner and cast away all negative thoughts. Use all the talents you possess, even though you may not be the best. The woods would be very silent if only the songbirds who sang the best were allowed to sing there.

Use your unlimited supply of laughter often. If you look for the best in people, you'll be too busy to find time to see the worst. Be selfishly concerned for others. If you live with love in your heart, you will learn to see the best in everyone, including yourself.

Have a safe and fun Halloween!

Stamps make good gift for senior citizens' holiday

Spotlight on Seniors

By Frances Doll

Need I say it looks a lot like Christmas all around the town? It appears each year merchants desiring to have a better holiday season seem to push up the decorations and display holiday merchandise a bit earlier. By now it's beginning to look a bit picked over, but there is still plenty available. We are all aware of the fact that the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year in the retail world, and Halloween merchandise is scarcely off the shelves when Christmas cards and merchandise appear in the most prominent places.

In fact, I bought my Christmas cards more than one month ago, and they were supposed to be marked down already. Now I need to find time to get them written yet this week. Sometimes I feel there's too much commercialism and too little of the true meaning of Christmas. Just think about it and keep refreshing your memory of the real meaning of Christmas.

Christmas means to me exactly what I get from it, as what I bring to it. Although decorating when I had a house was my delight, and because I was fortunate to have a dear husband who also loved to put up decorations inside and out, we did a good job even if I do have to say it myself. But above all, the inner offerings of love and faith I carry in my heart came first.

Christmas is happy shouts of "Merry Christmas," glowing fires crackling in an open fireplace, the patter of children's feet running down the halls and stairs on Christmas morning. Warm words of welcome between reunited loved ones, voices raised in singing the beloved Christmas carols, and the long-remembered words of the angels saying to us "A Savior is born" make the holiday.

It is also a family gathered to chat and ponder on things gone by, the reading of the old, old story of the birth in the manger, a story that grows dearer with time and never loses the promise of hope and joy.

I hear people talking about what they could buy for senior citizens that they don't have an abundance of already. Dear Abby had a column on the subject at one time or another, and I'll pass a brief of it on to you:

- Everyone can use them.
- They are easy to purchase.
- One size fits all and they come in many colors, patterns and denominations.
- They are not fattening, especially the no-lick kind.
- They never need dusting, feeding or cleaning.
- They go anywhere in the world without a passport, a visa or an airplane ticket.
- You can use them to pay bills without standing in line, using gasoline or shoe leather, and braving the crowds.
- They are easy to wrap, as they only need a card and envelope.
- They are always needed and appreciated.
- They can be used to send cards and letters that bring laughter and warm the heart.

What is it? Stamps!

As you rush around to finish your holiday preparations, don't forget your feathered friends and the squirrels. They get hungry also! It seems I'm the only one at the apartments who feels sorry for the critters, but my next-door neighbors, Lee and Carol, assure me that they will feed them while I'm away. Winter will be long, and ample food helps warm their little bodies.

Some careful planning quite some time before now could prevent the stress that often hits some of us as we scurry around faster and longer at the last minute of a busy year. Years ago, my parents called it worry, but today it has taken on a new label, stress. The remedy is still the same, however.

More than 100 years ago, the famous Dale Carnegie wrote a book entitled "Stop Worrying and Start Living." Here are a few tips from his wise counsel that may keep you from becoming strung out this season:

- Make a list of your holiday activities in order of importance.
- Keep reminding yourself of the high price that worry and stress exact on you.
- Avoid fussing over trifles.
- Live day by day.
- Put enthusiasm in whatever you do.
- Give for the joy of giving. Let a smile carry your message of goodwill!
- Keep your outlook a positive one reflecting the spirit that makes the holiday extra special. As the mad rush gets madder, one needs to be on guard of his or her health and well-being.

A little preplanning can do a lot and here are some suggestions. Plan not to be alone on Christmas. Volunteer to help others whenever possible. Play Santa to some needy children by filling some stockings that can later be worn with homemade cookies, assorted candies, an orange and a big red apple. Rap on their doors and wish them a merry Christmas when they open the door, and really mean it with a hug and kiss blown back as you leave. Christmas is doing for others and expecting nothing but satisfaction in return.

Check your gift list now. Do you have "donate a unit of blood" on it? If not, put it on now if you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, are not on medication and are healthy. Mark Monday, Dec. 16, as Bloodmobile day at the Auburn United Methodist Church from noon-6 p.m. Please be a donor! Someone will have a better Christmas if you share. It doesn't cost a penny, only some time and your willingness to share for a good cause.

I hope to see you there, even though I have a trillion other things to get done that week. I'll be thanking you and asking for a reservation for Feb. 10. Please remember God and mankind, including myself, loves a cheerful giver.

Bloodmobile, quilt show thrive on efforts of volunteer workers

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I looked at my desk this morning — and I mean I looked it over — as the top is completely covered with this, that and the other, and realized "Hey, gal, make a decision about clearing that and do it now." Really, my preference would be to sleep in, but I've already done that. So, will it be clearing out the two stacks of reservation cards for the next two Bloodmobiles, or write the column?

I can't complete the cards, as I need little white tabs of information to staple on one stack, and I need the same plus the ordinary information on the other. What choice do I have?

Please come to the Bloodmobile Monday, Aug. 26, at the First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 p.m. and donate blood if it's at all possible. The need for blood is great and that's putting it mildly. Did you know that every two seconds, someone in this good old U.S.A. needs blood, yet more and more American people are leaving it up to someone else to donate?

Over the past three years, blood donations are sharply down. To meet this demand, we are asking you to pledge your support to the cause, whose motto is "Give Blood! Give Life!"

It's about the easiest and cheapest thing you can do if you are at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds, and are healthy. If you have made a reservation, please keep it, or come as a walk-in next Monday. Offer your time as a volunteer by calling 925-4566 now. Remember, when the blood runs out, so does life. Hope to see a lot of you on Monday.

Have you visited the Heimach Senior Center at 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn, lately? The center offers delicious, nutritious luncheons on Monday through Friday each week. Why eat alone? Why cook and wash dishes when a well-planned and prepared meal is offered to you for a donation?

The center offers many types of programs, services and fun on those days. It's a friendly place, cool in summer and warm in winter, and abounds with people like you who need such things. Many interesting trips await you if you wish to travel. The center is available for a nominal rent for many occasions. It's a great place for a party or reception. Call 925-3311 for information or stop in and pay a visit.

Meals and transportation are available with a 24-hour advance call. The welcome mat is out for you.

Seniors, a good bit of advice is to take one day at a time. While rummaging through a lot of stored materials a while back, pretending to clean it out, I came upon a column written in 1986 when Dottie Duncan was the editor. It sounded good to me so I'm repeating a portion of it, for 10 years have been a long time to remember it, if you did read it then.

Each day one realizes more and more that growing old gracefully takes time, effort and energy. Through years of experience, some of you know that being the oldest women in a crowd can sometimes be wistfully painful. In church while singing a hymn, you get that mummy-like feeling when your voice cracks and squeaks, while others sound exhilarating. Or, when you visit the beauty shop and the hairdresser suggests a touch of color, or at the filling station and the attendant warns you to be careful and take it easy instead of wishing you a nice day. Now you wonder how you got so old so soon.

Cheer up! Put on a positive attitude and convince yourself you have really made a career of carrying your age well. The most important attribute to your age is that you were born a long time ago and didn't die. Above all, remember you simply got old because your uncontrolled zest for living, your unmeasured love of people, and your uninhibited sense of humor kept you alive. Put on a little blusher, a bit of lipstick, then smile and you won't look your age, but a lot younger. No one knocks that feeling.

There are many ways to keep young, and please do them a day at a time. Worry is your worst enemy, so why do it? Can you tell me one good reason for worrying? I've forgotten them long ago. Worry is so inconsistent with common sense.

Do birds sow, or harvest, or build barns to store their grains? To be certain, their responsibilities aren't great like those of humans, yet they sing, chirp, fly and seem happy — and we talk about "bird brains."

Worry is ineffective. It doesn't make you an inch taller, not a pound slimmer, so let's smile more and trust mankind. Life is full of values, whether spiritual or moral, so throw off your frustrations and complexities, and grow older naturally one day at a time.

RSVP plans for the annual quilt show are swiftly being completed. On Aug. 13, the staff gave an appreciation luncheon for all quilt show volunteers. Each volunteer present was given his or her worksheets for use during the show. It was great!

Bring your quilts and urge your friends to attend bring others with them. More next week on the show.

RSVP also offers many day trips for your enjoyment. Call 925-0917 and Ask for Char for lots of information. Work days in Auburn are Thursday and Friday; come out and lend a hand. Angola's work day is Wednesday and Kendallville's is Monday.

You are always welcome. Last month, RSVP had 279 volunteers and 16,663 work hours recorded.

Here's a special thought to remember: It's easier to teach a person to run a new-fangled typewriter, cash register or computer than how to smile!

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September is knocking on our doors and giving notice that ready or not, we must accept the new month.

In September we are approaching the sunset of the year. Autumn is swiftly pushing summer into the archives of time. True, there's a lot of summer still left in September. It's time to take stock of the summer's gifts, to dream of the past and to relish every moment at hand. For the time being, let's think and talk about this coming weekend, normally called Labor Day weekend, but in recent years it's ACD days, with Kruse's auction and classic cars. This week is the busiest one in the year in the city of Auburn.

Every year on the first Monday in September we celebrate Labor Day nationally. It is a rather new national holiday, as it is slightly over 105 years old and didn't always bear the name of Labor Day.

Labor, as defined in the dictionary, simply means "work." All types of laborers lived in New York City when the observance was started — carpenters, brick layers, railroad employees and many more who who were proud of their skills and liked their work assignments. But there were many things they did not like, one being 12- to 14-hour work days and no weekends off. Today, under those conditions, one would be paid lots of money, and even Uncle Sam would be happy about that.

But in the mid-1880s, that was not the case. In fact, workers were paid so little that young children were required to start working at the early ages of 10 or 12. Many children worked 10-12 hours a day, lifting large bolts of material or digging coal, for example.

With many laborers working together for a long time, conditions improved and child labor finally became a crime. Hopes for working people improved greatly, and by September 1882, New York City marked the occasion with a huge parade, a custom which remains a favorite in many cities.

In just seven years the idea had grown to a nearly nationwide celebration, and it was by the 1930s, in every state of the union. Labor Day truly celebrates the idea that by working hard, our forefathers made our country great. We need to feel that every worker is important, no matter what job he holds, and deserves our respect and decent earnings.

Without a doubt, this weekend is the busiest of the year for the city of Auburn. We won't have a Labor Day parade of people here, but we have a remarkable event called the Parade of Classics. The streets of Auburn will be jammed with spectators. Chairs will line the parade route by early, and I mean very early, morning.

Seeing the cars in the parade makes one realize that old is beautiful, is great, and is expensive. Whether you believe it or not, getting old is a compliment, even if you do need a bit of rejuvenation. We need to remember, however that cars were made from a pattern, but you and I are unique. Unless we regard ourselves as specialities, we have missed the true meaning of living.

Have you visited NATMUS, the National Automotive and Truck Museum in Auburn? It is on 1000 Gordon Buehrig Place and is open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. It's a special place, quite different from many I have seen. Comments from people far and near are the same. As a volunteer there for just a short time, people from the West Coast, Detroit, Colorado and Wyoming have remarked to me how very much they enjoyed their visits. They hope to return at a later date when the buildings are completely redone.

Only one complaint, and I heard it from several people, "Why don't you have Model T and Model A Fords on display here?" Those people said they came from rather poor families and their parents owned those Fords. I really couldn't tell them why, but said I would pass the question on for an answer.

By the way, how many of you reading this owned a Model T Ford and had to crank it to start it? Did you have a touring car with side curtains on it? I did and it's a real memory! Please visit the muse this weekend and many specials award your presence. If you wo like to volunteer, dial 925-9100.

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Take time to enjoy a delici lunch at the noon hour until clos time on all days. A lot of hou planning and hard labor make event a successful one.

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If you are willing to sew or h material usable for making li bears, call 925-0917 and offe help. A pattern and all materials available. Please offer to help project.

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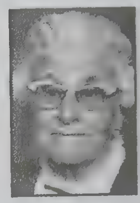

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The kids are back in school for another year and teens are swiftly returning to colleges of their choices. Along Jackson and Seventh streets, I have noticed some very colorful, attractive signs, and I hope many motorists have done likewise. They read, "School's Open, Drive Carefully." Please, fellow citizens, these children are the future of America. Keep them healthy and safe. It's truly great to watch high schoolers going to their pick-up destinations and to hear elementary ones laughing and all talking at once, as they trudge along under the heavy load of a backpack. Crossing guards, you are to be admired and thanked many times for watching out for our youth as they cross busy, busy, intersections.

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I spoke of the signs about schools in session, and I can never say enough about the values of our schools and our children's education. To me, education has been and will always be the root of America's future. It seems that almost everything wrong with our society today, for example, poverty, crime or unemployment, can be traced to a lack of education. Health care and housing issues, both highly argued issues today, still require a better educated America to solve them. Whether you are young or old, employed or retired, you are obligated to share your talents and resources to help solve the educational gap which exists in this world today.

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Encouragement is utmost and you can give that by being a volunteer in our elementary schools, treating school children respectfully — no yelling don't do this or that — and give them a pat on the back often. You can even say "I love you" and "take care." By doing all we can to help our schools, we are making an investment in our country's future.

Dial 925-0917 at the RSVP office and offer to help, and do it now! We need to start now.

Play School is in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Auburn Missionary Church for 3-year-olds up to kindergarten. Pay it a visit and you'll understand why I say start them young. Don't ever say, dear senior citizens, that you are too old or decrepit. Your unique wisdom which has blossomed through your lifetime makes you the logical ones to share. Try it, you'll love it. I know — this is my 10th year working in the nursery school, and although I'm a bit tired when I get home on those days, it's a good tired.

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Spotlight on Seniors

By Frances Doll

It's Monday morning and the streets of Auburn are as bare of people and excitement as the Mojave Desert, and as quiet as a kitten stalking an unsuspecting mouse. ACD days have come to a close, but as yet several classic cars may be seen on the downtown streets west of the courthouse. Evidently the proud owners sort of like Auburn and decided to hang around a bit longer. It's good for admirers and just plain lookers to have another chance to admire these wished-for classics, so well preserved and cared for in style.

The kids are back in school for another year and teens are swiftly returning to colleges of their choices. Along Jackson and Seventh streets, I have noticed some very colorful, attractive signs, and I hope many motorists have done likewise. They read, "School's Open, Drive Carefully." Please, fellow citizens, these children are the future of America. Keep them healthy and safe. It's truly great to watch high schoolers going to their pick-up destinations and to hear elementary ones laughing and all talking at once, as they trudge along under the heavy load of a backpack. Crossing guards, you are to be admired and thanked many times for watching out for our youth as they cross busy, busy, intersections.

The ACD parade on Saturday was grand, I am told. Sorry I didn't see it.

you all made it a success.

I was extremely happy to have my daughter from Riverside, Calif., helping as a room hostess, and as a peddler of good will and tickets on the sampler quilt.

I spoke of the signs about schools in session, and I can never say enough about the values of our schools and our children's education. To me, education has been and will always be the root of America's future. It seems that almost everything wrong with our society today, for example, poverty, crime or unemployment, can be traced to a lack of education. Health care and housing issues, both highly argued issues today, still require a better educated America to solve them. Whether you are young or old, employed or retired, you are obligated to share your talents and resources to help solve the educational gap which exists in this world today.

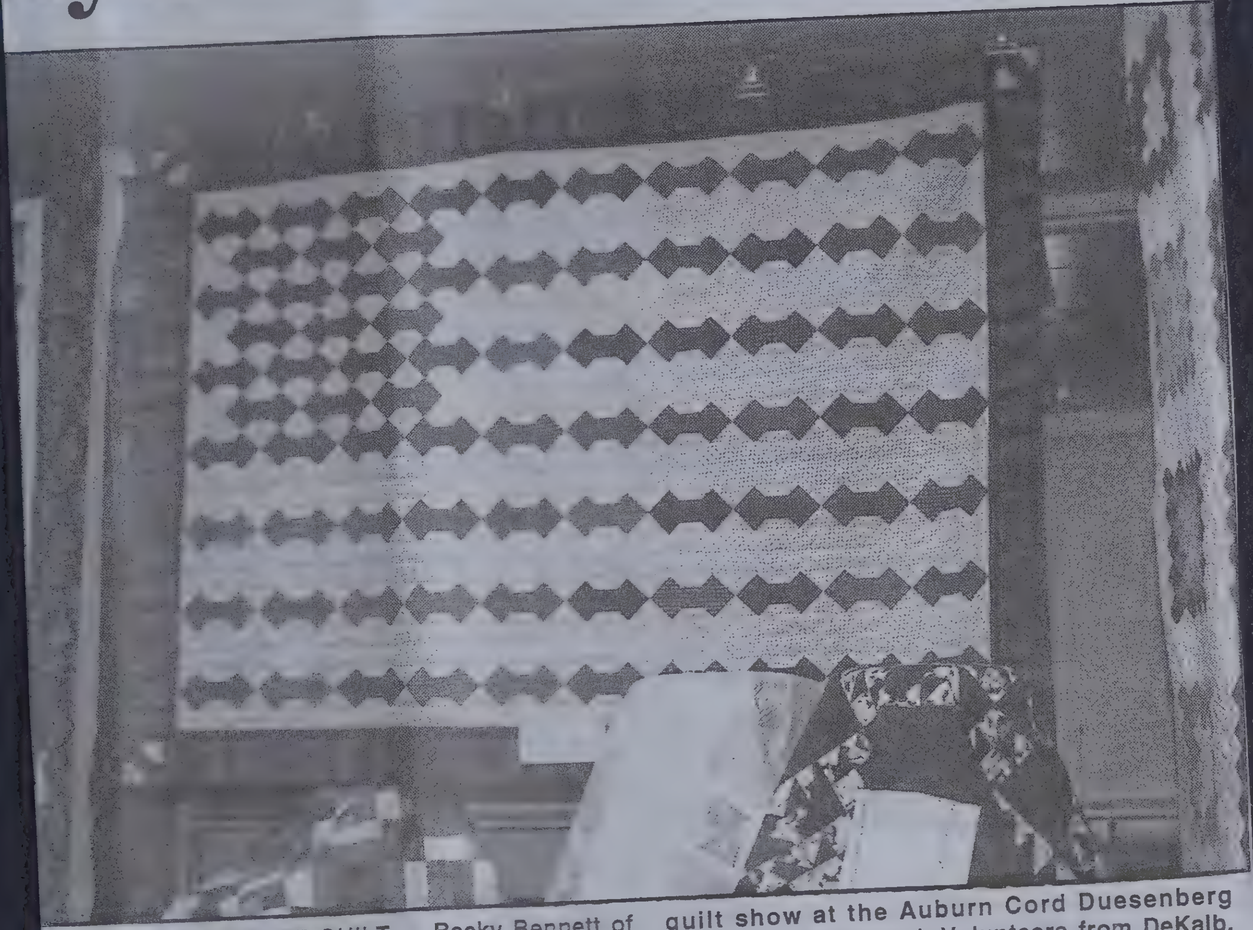
In Indiana, thank heavens, our

R's. Parents need to do more, teachers are trying to do their best, but we need a lot more. My friends, and even my enemies if I have any, can add to the struggles of the above.

Encouragement is utmost and you can give that by being a volunteer in our elementary schools, treating school children respectfully — no yelling don't do this or that — and give them a pat on the back often. You can even say "I love you" and "take care." By doing all we can to help our schools, we are making an investment in our country's future.

Dial 925-0917 at the RSVP office and offer to help, and do it now! We need to start now.

Play School is in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Auburn Missionary Church for 3-year-olds up to kindergarten. Pay it a visit and you'll understand why I say start them young. Don't ever say, dear senior citizens, that you are too old or decrepit. Your unique



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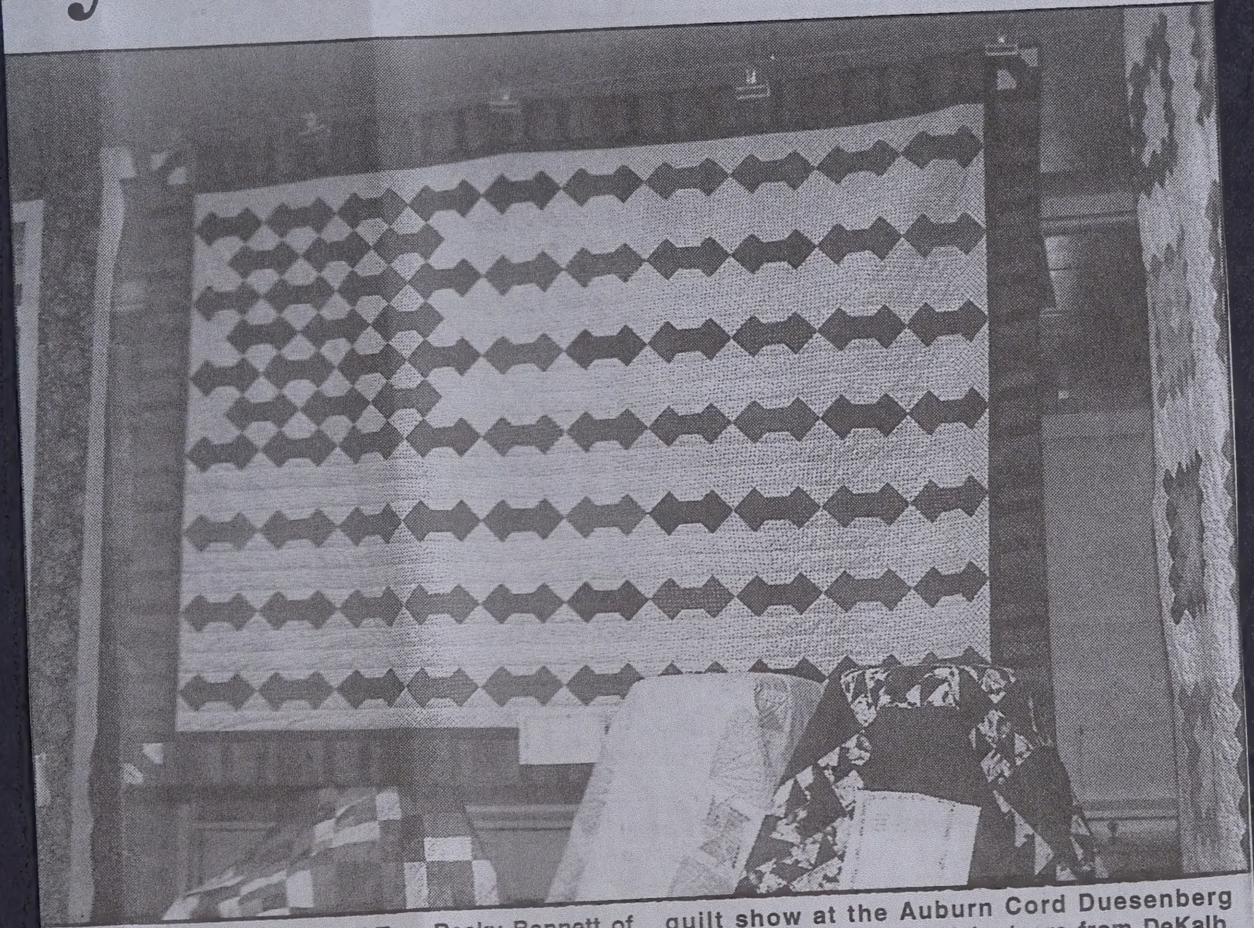

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